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Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who has worked to reform military acquisition programs, could force a hard look at wasteful spending if he becomes chairman of the Armed Services Committee.

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Mac is back?

Midterm election could hand McCain armed services gavel

By TRAVIS J. TRITTEN

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — It may not be on the ballot, but this midterm election will decide who leads one of Congress' most important military committees.

If the polling holds, the Senate will be welcoming John McCain as the new Armed Services chairman come January, along with the experience and political

fireworks he is likely to bring to the committee.

The powerful committee births U.S. military laws and defense budgets on Capitol Hill and is set for new leadership with the retirement of Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich. The party that takes control of the chamber in the midterms will also hand the Armed Services gavel to their most senior member on the committee, either McCain or Rhode Island Democrat Jack Reed.

"The most likely outcome is a small Republican ma-

jority" in the Senate following the election, said Kyle Kondik, the managing editor for Sabato's Crystal Ball, which tracks elections for the University of Virginia Center for Politics.

McCain, who has chaired the committee in the past, may be the most recognizable face on Capitol Hill following a run for the presidency in 2008.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Everybody gets together, and when you're holding on to each other and grabbing and this, that and the other, it's one thing. When punches are landed, that's a different scenario."

— Robin Pemberton, NASCAR's senior vice president of competition and racing development, on a brawl involving Brad Keselowski and Jeff Gordon after the AAA Texas 500

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Infantryman Dailey named new Sergeant Major of the Army

By CHRIS CARROLL
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The Army on Monday named Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel Dailey, an infantryman with five deployments stretching back to Operation Desert Storm, as the next Sergeant Major of the Army.

Dailey, of Palmerton, Pa., now serves as command sergeant major at Army Training and Doctrine Command. He'll take over as the Army's top enlisted member on January 30 and replace current Sergeant Major of the Army Raymond Chandler.

Dailey, who has served in the role since March 2011, "experience, leadership, devotion to Soldiers and commitment to our Army make him especially suited to assume this important duty, one that Sgt. Maj. of the Army Chandler has masterfully performed for the last four years," Army Secretary John McHugh said in a written statement.

Dailey's primary job will be as adviser to Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno on policy and procedures that affect enlisted soldiers. Sergeants major of the Army testify before Congress on quality-of-life concerns, pay and other matters affecting enlisted members. Because of their cen-



Dailey

trality to discussions involving topics such as haircuts and tattoos, they can be singled out for ire from the troops as well.

Odierno called Dailey the epitome of a soldier.

"I have every confidence in his ability as a visionary leader to help guide our Army through this time of great complexity and rapid change — he is a trusted Army professional," he said in a written statement.

Dailey joined the Army in 1989 and served in Germany as a radio telephone operator and rifleman for his first assignment, according to his Army biography. He deployed to Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm and soon after was promoted to sergeant in 1993. After a series of assignments, he deployed to Iraq in 2003, and was promoted to command sergeant major in 2004. He would return to Iraq three more times by his current assignment.

Among his awards are the Legion of Merit, a Bronze Star with Valor, a number of Bronze Stars, Meritorious Service Awards and Army Commendation Medals. Dailey received a bachelor of science degree, summa cum laude, from Excelsior University, the Army said.

Dailey said he's ready to take on his job leading the Army's enlisted ranks.

"I'm passionate about the Army, and I'm passionate about taking care of soldiers," he said. "This is truly a humbling opportunity."

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USS Denver sailor found not guilty of rape

An Australian jury deliberated less than an hour before finding a Navy sailor not guilty of rape, according to Navy officials and news reports.

The 23-year-old USS Denver sailor wept as the verdict was read Friday, according to a report by the Australian Broadcasting Corp. He had been accused of

holding the woman down and assaulting her at the Melaleuca on Mitchell backpackers' hostel in Darwin on Sept. 4, 2013.

A group of sailors from the amphibious transport dock met the woman and two of her friends in a Darwin bar, where they drank and danced, the report said. The defendant and the woman left together and went to his room.

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Breedlove: More rotational forces needed in Europe

By CHRIS CARROLL
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WASHINGTON — The top U.S. general in Europe said Monday that he's been reaching out to the service chiefs and the head of the National Guard in an effort to ensure troop levels in Europe remain high enough to handle a host of new security challenges.

Air Force Gen. Philip Breedlove, head of U.S. European Command and NATO Supreme Allied Commander Europe, told reporters at the Pentagon that additional rotational forces are needed as Europe comes to terms with a revanchist Russia and Islamic State insurgents in Syria.



Breedlove

"Because of the increased pressure that we feel in Eastern Europe now, and because of the assurance measures that we are taking in the Baltics, in Poland and in Romania, we require additional rotational presence," he said. "What we are doing is working with the Army and other services to use their regionally aligned forces to get them forward, to get their experience forward, to bring that capability to interact with our partners and allies."

Breedlove did not specify how new rotational forces would be tasked.

Last month, members of the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division based at Fort Hood, Texas, deployed to Eastern Europe to help reassure European allies in the face of Russian operations in Ukraine.

The Russian troop presence on Ukraine's border appears to have fallen from a high of 18 battalions

to seven in recent weeks, with an unknown number of soldiers, he said. But they remain active, and some units apparently moved toward the border in the run-up to separatist elections in breakaway regions of Ukraine, Breedlove said.

The official Ukrainian border is porous in breakaway areas, while the newly established internal borders around breakaway regions are hardening, he said.

Breedlove said he is looking at moves to enhance logistics for potential operations in Eastern Europe.

"Additionally, I'm having discussions with the service chiefs about the possibility of forward-based equipment and supplies — as the Army calls them, 'activity sets' — in order to give us a more responsive capability if we were to need it in the future."

Breedlove said the U.S. military continues to study ways to cut unneeded bases in Europe under the European Infrastructure Consolidation process, but said troop levels, now hovering at about 67,000 troops, should not be cut further. Two brigade combat teams based in Germany were inactivated last year.

In July, Breedlove called for a "pause" in the force structure cuts planned before the outbreak of hostilities in Ukraine, and defense officials say that essentially has happened.

But Breedlove said that if automatic budget cuts known as sequestration return in 2016 after the expiration of a bipartisan budget deal in Congress, big cuts will be back on the table.

"My first budgetary priority is to not further decrease forces in Europe, because I believe we're sized just right," Breedlove said. "As I said before, I think we have infrastructure that can be divested, but not force structure."

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PACIFIC

An Air Force KC-135 crew offloads after a mission at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, during a recent exercise on the U.S. territory.

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Stars and Stripes



Funding delay slows Marine transfer to Guam

Holdup raises concern in Pacific about US commitment to pivot

By ERIK SLAVIN
Stars and Stripes

HAGATNA, Guam — Gov. Eddie Calvo takes issue when anyone describes his native island as “out of the way.”

Although the American territory is distant from the rest of the United States — in both geography and general awareness — it's also a four-hour commercial flight from roughly 1.7 billion people.

None of this is lost on U.S. military and diplomatic officials, who view basing more of the nation's Asia-Pacific forces on Guam as both strategically viable and politically expedient.

However, most of the plan to bring 5,000 Okinawa-based Marines and their families to Guam within the next decade remains unfunded by the U.S., even though Japan is paying its share under a 2006 bilateral pact.

The funding delay, spurred by congressional questions about cost and value, raises the same concern on Guam that is being voiced in other Asia-Pacific countries: Will the U.S. follow through on its commitment to make the region its top long-term strategic priority, especially with the fight against Islamic State militants ramping up in Iraq and Syria?

“If things are delayed or shrunk down, obviously there will be potential impacts short- and long-term,” Calvo told Stars and Stripes during an interview in the governor's Adelup office. “I think it's important also for the credibility of the federal government, not only for its strategic interest

but its credibility to its allies and to its fellow citizens on Guam.”

Guam has already spent millions of its own funds on port upgrades and infrastructure improvements with the military buildup in mind, Calvo said. Meanwhile, Japan continues to set aside \$3.1 billion of the estimated \$8.6 billion tab for the move from Okinawa.

The 2006 bilateral agreement originally called for 8,000 Marines and 9,000 family members to move to Guam by this year at a shared cost of \$10.3 billion.

That plan would have added 79,000 extra people, including military, civilian base workers and construction laborers, to the island's population of 160,000, according to the military's Environmental Impact Statement. Even supporters of the buildup in principle balked at such rapid growth.

The military prepared a second impact statement with a smaller buildup projected over a longer time period. However, multiple members of the Senate Armed Services Committee remained unconvinced that the Pentagon was spending wisely.

“The Department of Defense wants to move Marines to Guam, but does not know how much military infrastructure will be needed to support the move, what the implications will be to operational responsiveness in the Pacific theater or how much any of it will cost,” Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said after introducing an ultimately successful amendment to strip Guam funding from last year's defense budget.

McCain and others called on the Pentagon to prepare a master plan for the buildup, which was submitted to Congress in August. A record of decision will be issued sometime after March 2015, at which time Congress can re-examine the move.

Calvo is optimistic they will vote to fund it, based on his discussions with Deputy Secretary of Defense Robert Work.

“I think [the senators] are looking at the



The civic group We Are Guahan opposes the construction of a military .50-caliber weapons range here in the northern part of the island.

dollars, but at least none the questions are more on the particular type of capital improvement works that need to occur, and that, to me, is a positive response from members of the Senate,” Calvo said.

The freeze on further funding hasn't stopped the plan entirely. The military has spent \$350 million on Guam with funds authorized after a 2010 record of decision, said Maj. Darren Alvarez, deputy director for the Joint Guam Program Office.

The projects include Navy wharf improvements and ramp infrastructure at Andersen Air Force Base for the Marine Corps' air squadrons.

Both supporters and opponents of the buildup on Guam say a majority of Guam's residents generally approves of the military move, though there is little independent, large-scale polling.

Guam's gubernatorial and territorial senate elections will be decided Nov. 4, but while the buildup is discussed in debates and forums, it draws less attention than more immediate concerns such as health care and the larger economy.

Calvo and his opponent, former Gov. Carl Gutierrez, each support working with the federal government to make the buildup happen in some form.

Opposition to the current plan is a mixed bag of views. Some just don't want a military presence. More are concerned that

Guam's infrastructure, social services and environment will suffer.

“Our driving objective is to really flesh out the picture of the buildup,” said attorney Leevin Camacho, a spokesman for the civic group We Are Guahan.

The group produced a series of short videos. Two question the claims of economic gains associated with the buildup, while another criticizes the environmental impact of a planned .50-caliber weapons range.

Most of the new jobs related to the buildup will be temporary and filled by off-island construction workers, according to the group. The Pentagon's 1,448-page impact study estimates 7,031 new jobs during peak construction in 2021, dropping off to a steady 1,438 jobs by 2028.

The buildup may bring revenue through the expanded tax base and added residents, but that may not be enough to offset the need for more firefighters, teachers, health care workers and service providers, according to the group.

“We have yet to see anything that says, ‘This is how much it will cost the government of Guam,’” Camacho said. “It's almost like they don't want to give us the cost in a cost-benefit analysis. Moving forward, we hope the dialogue will take all that into account.”

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Guam Gov. Eddie Calvo



WAR ON TERRORISM

Iraq plans US-aided spring push against enemy

Stars and Stripes

Iraqi security forces backed by American-led airpower and hundreds of advisers are planning a major spring offensive against Islamic State fighters, but the push will require training three new Iraqi army divisions — more than 20,000 troops — in just a few months. The New York Times reported Sunday.

The goal is to break the Islamic State's occupation in northern and western Iraq, and establish Iraqi government control over Mosul and other population centers, as well as major roads and the border with Syria, by the end of 2015, American officials told the Times.

Attacking and isolating Islamic State fighters in major strongholds such as Mosul could enable Iraqi troops, Kurdish peshmarga units and fighters who have been recruited from Sunni tribes to

take on a weakened foe that has been cut off from its supply lines and reinforcements in Syria, which are vulnerable to American airstrikes.

Though the U.S. began conducting airstrikes in August, the longer-term campaign plan has remained under wraps. Now that the planning has advanced, more than a dozen Iraqi and American officials provided details to the Times about a strategy that is certain to become increasingly visible.

"It is a balance between letting them develop their own plan and take ownership for it, and ensuring that they don't stretch themselves too far and outpace their capability," said one United States military official, who asked not to be identified.

To oversee the American effort, a new task force is being established under Lt. Gen. James Terry,

who oversees Army forces in the Middle East and who will operate from a base in Kuwait. Maj. Gen. Paul Funk will run a subordinate headquarters in Baghdad that will supervise the American advisers and trainers.

The United States currently does not plan to advise Iraqi forces below the level of a brigade, which in the Iraqi army usually comprises some 2,000 troops. Nor is it clear under what circumstances American advisers might accompany Iraqi units on the battlefield or call in airstrikes. Gen. Martin Dempsey, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has indicated those things might be necessary.

Iraq's recent history suggests that a battlefield advisory role is likely to be needed. Iraqi forces faltered during their 2008 offensive against Shiite militias in Basra until American command-

ers sent in troops to advise Iraqi forces below the brigade level and facilitate airstrikes.

Among the challenges, the Times wrote, are:

■ Synchronizing the Iraqi campaign with the training of moderate Syrian rebels. The Pentagon's program to train 5,000 Syrian rebel fighters a year in Saudi Arabia and Turkey has yet to get underway, which raises the possibility that Islamic State fighters could be pushed back into Syria well before there is a trained and equipped Syrian rebel force to oppose them.

■ Deciding how many U.S. personnel to deploy. Military officials say President Barack Obama has limited the number of advisers, analysts and security personnel in Iraq to 1,600, though a White House spokesman has said that's a number needed currently, and not a limit. There were 1,414 troops

in Iraq as of Friday, about 600 in advisory roles from joint operations centers in Baghdad and Irbil, and at division and higher headquarters.

One senior U.S. official, who asked not be identified, said it was likely that the number would need to be raised. Army planners have drafted options that could deploy up to an additional 3,500 people to expand the advisory effort.

Iraqi Shiite militias, some supported by Iran, pose another obstacle. Antony Blinken, Obama's deputy national security adviser, said last week that it was important that the Shiite militias be withdrawn, disbanded or have their members integrated into Iraq's security forces.

Iraqi President Fuad Masum has suggested that the militias could be needed until the Islamic State was defeated.

Militants in Iraq kill 36 more Sunnis

By SAMEER N. YACOB

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Islamic State group militants publicly shot dead 36 Sunni tribesmen, women and children Monday, an Iraqi official and a tribal leader said, pushing the total number of people the extremists have killed from the tribe in recent days to more than 200.

Sheik Naim al-Gaoud, a senior figure in the Al Bu Nimr tribe, said the militant group killed 29 men, four women and three children, lining them up in the village of Ras al-Maa, north of Ramadi. He said the extremists shot each of them dead one by one. The tribal leader warned that 120 families are still trapped there.

"These massacres will be repeated in the coming days unless the government and its security forces help the trapped people," al-Gaoud said.

An official with the Anbar governor's office corroborated the account of Monday's killings. He spoke on condition of anonymity as he was not authorized to brief journalists.

The killings, all committed in public, raise the death toll suffered by the Sunni Al Bu Nimr tribe in recent days to at least 214 members, suggesting the Sunni fighters of the Islamic State group



Islamic State militants in a commandeered Iraqi security forces armored vehicle parade down a main street in Mosul in June.

now view them as a threat.

Some Sunnis in Anbar province supported the militants when they seized Fallujah and parts of Kamadi last December. That came after widespread Sunni protests against the Shiite-led government in Baghdad for what they described as second-class treatment.

Since the Islamic State group's major offensive in Iraq, a number of Iraq's Sunni tribes have been fundamental in stalling its advance, taking up arms and fighting alongside Iraqi security forces. A U.S.-led campaign of airstrikes is targeting the group as well, with nine strikes hitting its fighters Sunday and Monday in Beiji, Fallujah and Ar Rutbah, U.S. Central Command said.

Meanwhile on Monday, the Islamic State group claimed responsibility for two bombings on

Shiite pilgrims that left 23 people dead in Baghdad a day earlier.

In a statement posted online late Sunday, the group said the car bomb attacks happened despite the tight security measures amid the Shiites' "biggest infidel event."

The two attacks targeted Shiite pilgrims and the roadside tents serving them on their way to the holy city of Karbala to mark the Ashoura religious holiday.

Ashoura commemorates the 7th-century death of Imam Hussein, a grandson of Prophet Muhammad and an iconic martyr among Shiite Muslims. Sunni insurgents frequently target Shiites, who they consider heretics.

Also Monday, police said a bomb struck a group of Shiite pilgrims, killing five people and wounding 11, in Baghdad's southwestern suburb of Nahrwan.

Syrian al-Qaida militants mass near Turkey border

By DIAA HADID

The Associated Press

BEIRUT — Al-Qaida militants massed Monday near a Syrian border town in what appeared to be an attempt to seize a vital crossing from Western-backed rebels, activists said, underscoring the weakness of the fighters America hopes will be a moderate force in the chaotic civil war.

The move by the Nusra Front to potentially take the Bab al-Hawa crossing came after the militants overran towns and villages last week held by Western-backed groups in Idlib province.

The Pentagon sought to downplay the significance of the moderates' defeat.

"There are battles all the time between these various groups, and territory trades hands in these local areas regularly. Often, these battles and this trading of territory is talked about in exaggerated terms for various reasons, but right now we haven't seen any indications of something big or catastrophic," Pentagon spokesman Col. Steve Warren told reporters on Monday.

Amid reports that moderate rebels had defected to the Nusra Front, Warren took issue with that classification.

"The Nusra Front is not a moderate organization, so therefore [the fighters who joined them] were not moderate either," he said. But "we're certainly concerned

any time we see personnel joining a radical organization."

There was no evidence that the Islamic State group, which seized a third of both Iraq and Syria, and the Nusra Front, Syria's main al-Qaida branch, acted in unison. The two are bitter rivals who repeatedly have battled each other. Rather, it appeared Nusra wanted to control a key supply line to the Syrian rebels fighting against the rule of Syrian President Bashar Assad.

Warren said he could not confirm that Nusra forces were massing near Bab al-Hawa. The crossing is held by a rebel alliance known as the Islamic Front, and it is an important supply route for Western-backed fighters as well as aid groups to reach residents of northern Syria.

Harakat Hazm, a group armed and funded by the U.S., emerged earlier this year, and online videos have showed its fighters using Western-donated weapons, including U.S. anti-tank weapons. Warren was asked about the prospect of U.S.-supplied TOW anti-tank missiles falling into the hands of extremists.

"It's certainly always concerning if heavier weapons fall into the hands of the enemy," he said. "Certainly, this is one of the many things that we'll keep an eye on and be prepared to react to if needed."

Stars and Stripes reporter Jon Harper contributed to this report.

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EBOLA OUTBREAK

Some in DOD worry Ebola could go airborne

By JON HARPER
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WASHINGTON — As the international community continues to grapple with Ebola, some in the Defense Department are concerned that the deadly virus could become airborne.

Ebola has killed nearly 5,000 people in West Africa during the latest outbreak, and officials project that thousands more in the region could die. There is no known cure or vaccine.

The good news, from a public health perspective, is that Ebola is believed to be spread only through direct contact with the bodily fluids of an infected person. That scientific understanding — along with the fact that America has an advanced health care system capable of isolating and safely treating Ebola victims — leads most experts and administration officials to believe that an outbreak is highly unlikely in the United States.

However, one Pentagon official known for thinking about and planning for worst-case scenarios isn't assuming the virus can't or won't become airborne.

On Oct. 24, the Defense Threat Reduction Agency put out a formal request to industry and other government agencies for assistance in the fight against Ebola, including a call for further study of how the disease could be spread.

"While current science indicates the disease can only be transmitted by contact with contaminated body fluids, it remains unclear if other transmission modes are feasible," the document states.

The document notes that in experimental animal models, viruses similar to the one that causes Ebola "are able to infect via the respiratory route and are lethal at very low doses."

In other words, DTRA wants to figure out if Ebola could go airborne. If that occurred, the disease could be transmitted by



MARK LENNIHAN/AP

Health alerts regarding people who may have traveled to particular West African countries are posted in the lobby of Bellevue Hospital in New York on Oct. 24, a day after a member of Doctors Without Borders was diagnosed with Ebola at the hospital.

an infected person sneezing or coughing, much like the flu.

A 'frightening thing'

Although Ebola isn't in the air now, that could change, according to experts.

Mutations occur and "viruses do change mode of transmission," said David Sanders, an associate professor of biology at Purdue University who works with the Ebola virus. "The longer this epidemic persists, the greater the chances that will happen."

And the more people fall ill with the disease, he said, the greater chance of a mutation that could allow the disease to quickly spread globally.

"I know [the chance of such a mutation is] nonzero, and if you have a million cases of Ebola, the chance is 100 times greater than if there are 10,000 cases," he said.

Steven Block, a professor of

biological sciences at Stanford University, said today's Ebola has a different genome sequence and doesn't cause all of the same symptoms that the disease did in the 1970s, when it first emerged.

"We know that Ebola changes and we've seen Ebola change," he said.

If it did go airborne, it would be catastrophic.

"That would be a very frightening thing and that would threaten the whole world," Block said. "We would not be in this situation we have right now where Ebola is substantially contained to within Africa."

For people older than 40, Ebola's mortality rate is more than 90 percent; for younger people, the mortality rate is about 50 percent, according to Block.

Still, he emphasized that people shouldn't panic because the virus would probably have to undergo "a

number of mutations" before the mode of transmission changed.

"Is it possible that Ebola could mutate to go airborne? Yes. Is it likely? Most virologists would tell you [it's] extremely unlikely," he said.

Ebola as a weapon?

DTRA's request for research proposals suggests that some in the organization are worried that Ebola could be aerosolized — a key step in turning the disease into a biological weapon.

"There is minimal information on how well filoviruses survive within aerosolized particles," but "preliminary studies indicate that Ebola is aerostable in an enclosed, controlled system in the dark," the document states.

Block said it would take a great deal of expertise to weaponize Ebola, as well as major laboratory resources, so it's not something a

terrorist group could do easily. "It is possible, in principle, to get Ebola into an aerosolized particle, to get that into the lung, and to infect somebody," he said. "But it's not what you would call a two-men-in-a-tent kind of thing ... We're talking about probably millions of dollars of funds and investment and probably people with doctoral-level experience ... doing this kind of stuff."

The engineering would have to be very precise.

"The weaponization consists of how do you disperse it in an aerosol," Block explained. "Aerosol has to be just the right size particle. If the particle is too big, it falls to the ground and it doesn't work. If it's too small, it evaporates quickly and the virus is dead."

And a person without a deep biological sciences background could easily harm themselves if they tried to handle the disease, according to Block.

He said a well-funded and well-resourced terrorist group that had access to the right scientific experts could potentially develop an Ebola weapon, but he doesn't see it happening.

"I consider it frankly to be a relatively unlikely scenario," he said. "But if you're asking me the narrow question, 'Is it technically feasible, yes [it is].'"

Stars and Stripes asked officials at DTRA if the agency is worried that terrorists or other actors hostile to the U.S. could potentially weaponize the virus.

"DTRA addresses threats posed by WMD. Threats can come from weapons as well as natural hazards, which is what we're dealing with now" with the latest Ebola outbreak, DTRA spokesman Dan Gaffney said in an email. "DTRA and other federal agencies continue to do research on Ebola and hemorrhagic fevers, in order to get ahead of any potential threat."

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Sierra Leone: Virus kills another doctor

The Associated Press

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone — A doctor in Sierra Leone has died of Ebola — the fifth local doctor in the West African nation to die of the disease, authorities said Monday.

The death of Dr. Godfrey George, medical superintendent of Kambia Government Hospital

in northern Sierra Leone, was a blow to efforts to keep desperately needed health care workers safe in a country ravaged by the deadly virus.

Sierra Leone's health care system was already fragile before the Ebola epidemic because of past conflict and a lack of resources. The country had two doctors for every 100,000 people in 2010,

compared with about 240 doctors for the same number of people in the United States, according to the World Health Organization.

George's overnight death was announced by Dr. Brima Kargbo, Sierra Leone's chief medical officer. George had been driven to the capital, Freetown, after reporting that he was not feeling well.

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NATION

GOP mulls strategy if party wins Senate

By CHARLES BABINGTON
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republican control of the House and Senate seems tantalizingly close, so leading Republicans are turning to a matter often overlooked in campaigns: how to actually govern.

They say it will be crucial to show the Republicans can legislate, lead and solve problems after years of lobbying political grenades at President Barack Obama and Senate Democrats.

If they add Senate control to their House dominance, Republicans say they will pass some bills that Obama is sure to veto, as they try to highlight their ideological differences with Democrats. But they also will push for changes in taxes, trade, regulations and other policies that both parties might accept.

"We have to prove in two years the Republican Congress can govern," said Sen. Richard Burr, R-N.C.

Republicans know their new majority might last only two years — assuming, that is, they first obtain it this fall by picking up at least six net seats, as many predict they will. The 2016 Senate election map is far more favorable to Democrats. The contest to replace the term-limited president will add further distractions and uncertainty.

In interviews, Republican senators talked at times of an ambitious conservative push for fewer regulations, lower taxes and other long-held priorities. But they also outlined more pragmatic, modest agendas

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that might avoid Obama's veto and the filibuster powers Senate Democrats will hold even if they're consigned to the minority.

There was virtually no talk of balancing the budget, repealing Obama's health care law or achieving similar Republican campaign pledges that prove politically impossible in Washington. These senators noted that even small achievements will require levels of bipartisanship rarely seen these days.

"It's very possible to get a number of things done if the president is willing to come to the table, and I believe he will," said Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio.

Portman, a former White House budget director and U.S. trade representative, said goals should include lowering the 35 percent corporate tax rate, enhancing the president's ability to make trade agreements, approving the Keystone XL pipeline and passing what he called responsible budget bills.

Significant numbers of Democrats and



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Left: Rep. Cory Gardner, R-Colo., speaks during a voting rally for state Republican candidates in Castle Rock, Colo. He's seeking a Senate seat. Right: Democrat Allison Lundergan Grimes, of Kentucky, is challenging Republican Sen. Mitch McConnell.

Republicans have shown interest in all these ideas, he said, and "we should focus on where we can find common ground."

Yet these proposals, not to mention more ambitious ones, face strong pockets of resistance, mainly but not entirely from the political left.

Many environmentalists strongly oppose the Keystone XL pipeline, which would carry crude oil from Canada to Texas. Obama has blocked it, but several congressional Democrats support it.

As for lowering the corporate tax rate, the parties repeatedly have failed to resolve several issues, including where to set the new rate, how to tax U.S. companies' overseas profits and which tax loopholes to

close in exchange for a lower rate.

Prominent members of both parties say a Republican-controlled Congress could open the way to major trade deals with China, Japan and Europe. Obama has requested the power to negotiate trade agreements that Congress can approve or reject, but not crumble with amendments.

But some labor unions and Democrats oppose enhanced negotiating clout for the White House.

Republican Sen. Bob Corker, of Tennessee, hopes a Republican-run Senate would end the stalemate over trade and several other issues. "Congress would be speaking with one voice," he said, and Republicans "would have to be in a governing mode."

McCain: Ariz. senator known for barbed political attacks, short temper

FROM FRONT PAGE

On the Hill, McCain is known for digging into the details of military policy and being a fierce opponent of waste, which could take center stage for Armed Services if he runs the agenda. He has worked to reform military acquisition programs while lobbying criticisms of programs like the F-35 fighter jet and the Navy's littoral combat ships.

McCain is among a group of senators who are fighting this year to save the A-10 Thunderbolt, popularly known as the Warthog, which is popular among infantry troops but is on the Air Force chopping block as the service scrapes to save money.

"He is one of those guys who digs down deep into the weeds on policy," said Joshua Huder, a senior fellow at Georgetown University's Government Affairs Institute.

His positions, along with his colleague Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., are often among the Senate's most hawkish. He was among the first to call for airstrikes against the Islamic State group in Iraq, and has been pushing the Obama administration to step up operations in Syria to unseat President Bashar Assad as part of the offensive.

McCain has been willing to reach across the aisle, which is a

rare quality among lawmakers these days. He partnered with Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., to pass a \$16.3 billion overhaul of the troubled Department of Veterans Affairs.

'Here's the bottom line on McCain: He's unpredictable.'

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committee. In a recent speech, engagement, Levin said he considered himself an "owl" on defense issues, as opposed to a hawk or a dove.

But their political styles differ dramatically. While Levin is often measured in his public responses, the Arizona senator may be best known for his barbed political attacks and short temper. In October, for example, he called the Pentagon's top spokesman, Rear Adm. John Kirby, an "idiot" for his handling of Iraq War questions.

"Here's the bottom line on McCain: He's unpredictable," said

Gordon Adams, a professor of foreign policy at American University in Washington, D.C.

Despite a long track record on Capitol Hill, Adams said, it also remains unclear whether McCain is a "big picture" thinker capable of guiding military defense policy on the committee at a time of sweeping changes and surging danger.

The country is setting off on a new war in the Middle East, facing a resurgent Cold War in Europe, struggling with massive defense budget cuts and is still slated for a historic shift of forces into the Pacific.

"We're really at the point where the military has to rethink everything it is doing. We are at a defense reform moment," Adams said.

Reed could still take the chair-

manship if Democrats manage to hold onto the Senate on Election Day.

It seemed very unlikely in the days before the vote. The Crystal Ball analysis found it was "getting harder and harder to envision a plausible path for the Democrats to retain control of the Senate," and that the GOP was about to gain five to eight seats.

Reed shares a history of military service — he graduated from West Point in 1971 with an active-duty commission in the Army — and a focus on the details of military policy with McCain. He is currently chairman of the Armed Services subcommittee on sea power.

One of his biggest accomplishments in military legislation was securing \$17 billion this year for

construction of Virginia-class submarines, which benefits the manufacturing base in Rhode Island.

Reed and his public style also contrast with McCain. He often sidesteps the media in the halls of Congress and, where McCain can be gruff and impatient, Reed appears mild-mannered and soft-spoken.

As chairman, the Rhode Island senator would likely mirror Levin, who was an efficient manager and bipartisan broker who "kept the trains running" but was not a major reformer of military strategy, Adams said.

"I've never had much of a sense that he's a strategic thinker, but neither was Carl Levin," he said.

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People stand near a cloud of tear gas during protests on Aug. 18 in Ferguson, Mo., over the Aug. 9 shooting of an unarmed black 18-year-old by a white police officer.

Ferguson no-fly zone was meant to keep media out

By JACK GILLUM
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The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. government agreed to a police request to restrict more than 37 square miles of airspace surrounding Ferguson, Mo., for 12 days in August for safety, but audio recordings show that local authorities privately acknowledged the purpose was to keep away news helicopters during violent street protests.

Such images would have offered a clear view of one of the most serious episodes of civil violence in recent memory.

On Aug. 12, the morning after the Federal Aviation Administration imposed the first flight restriction, FAA air traffic managers struggled to redefine the flight ban to let commercial flights operate at nearby Lambert-St. Louis International Airport and police helicopters fly through the

area — but ban others.

"They finally admitted it really was to keep the media out," said one FAA manager about the St. Louis County Police in a series of recorded telephone conversations obtained by The Associated Press. "But they were a little concerned of, obviously, anything else that could be going on."

At another point, a manager at the FAA's Kansas City center said police "did not care if you ran commercial traffic through this TFR (temporary flight restriction) all day long. They didn't want media in there."

FAA procedures for defining a no-fly area did not have an option that would accommodate that.

"There is really ... no option for a TFR that says, you know, 'OK, everybody but the media is OK,'" he said. The managers then worked out wording they felt would keep news helicopters out of the controlled zone but not impede other air traffic.

The conversations contradict claims by the St. Louis County Police Department, which responded to demonstrations following the shooting death of Michael Brown, 18, that the restriction was solely for safety.

Police said at the time, and as recently as late Friday to the AP, that they requested the flight restriction in response to shots fired at a police helicopter.

But police officials confirmed there was no damage to their helicopter and were unable to provide an incident report on the shooting.

The AP obtained the recordings under the U.S. Freedom of Information Act. They raise serious questions about whether police were trying to suppress aerial images of the demonstrations and the police response by violating the constitutional rights of journalists with tacit assistance by federal officials.

Terminally ill woman in Ore. takes own life

By STEVEN DUBOIS
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PORTLAND, Ore. — Brittany Maynard stuck by her decision.

The terminally ill woman who revived a national debate about physician-assisted suicide ended her life Saturday by swallowing lethal drugs made available under Oregon's law that allows terminally ill people to end their lives. She would have been 30 on Nov. 19.

Maynard had been in the national spotlight for about a month since publicizing that she and her husband, Dan Diaz, moved to Portland from Northern California so that she could take advantage of the Oregon law. She told journalists she planned to die Nov. 1, shortly after her husband's birthday, but reserved the right to move the date forward or to push it back.

Maynard ended her suffering from brain cancer right on schedule, after hinting at a possible delay in a video released last week.

"She died as she intended — peacefully in her bedroom, in the arms of her loved ones," said Sean Crowley, a spokesman for the advocacy group Compassion & Choices.

Crowley said Maynard "suffered increasingly frequent and longer seizures, severe head and neck pain, and stroke-like symptoms. As symptoms grew more

severe, she chose to abbreviate the dying process by taking the aid-in-dying medication she had received months ago."

The issue of physician-assisted suicide is not new, but Maynard's youth and vitality before she became ill brought the discussion to a younger generation.

Working with Compassion & Choices, Maynard used her story to speak out for the right of terminally ill people like herself to end their lives on their own terms.

Maynard's choice was not without detractors. Some religious groups and others opposed to physician-assisted suicide voiced objections.

"We are saddened by the fact that this young woman gave up hope, and now our concern is for other people with terminal illnesses who may contemplate following her example," Janet Morana, executive director of the group Priests for Life, said in a statement after Maynard's death. "Our prayer is that these people will find the courage to live every day to the fullest until God calls them home. Brittany's death was not a victory for a political cause. It was a tragedy, hastened by despair and aided by the culture of death invading our country."

Oregon was the first U.S. state to make it legal for a doctor to prescribe a life-ending drug to a terminally ill patient of sound mind who makes the request.

Spaceship's descent device deployed early

MOJAVE, Calif. — Virgin Galactic's experimental spaceship broke apart in flight over California's Mojave Desert after a device to slow the craft's descent prematurely deployed, federal investigators said Sunday.

National Transportation Safety Board Acting Chairman Christopher Hart said that while no cause for Friday's crash of SpaceShipTwo has been determined, investigators found the "feather-

ing" system — which lifts and rotates the tail to create drag — was activated before the craft reached the appropriate speed.

The system requires a two-step process to deploy. The co-pilot unlocked the system but Hart said the second step occurred "without being commanded."

Hart said the investigation is months from being completed, and pilot error and mechanical failure are among many things being looked at.

From The Associated Press

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BUSINESS/WEATHER

World Trade Center open for business

BY VERENA DOBNIK
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Thirteen years after the 9/11 terrorist attack, the resurrected World Trade Center is again opening for business — marking an emotional milestone for both New Yorkers and the United States as a whole.

Publishing giant Conde Nast will start moving Monday into One World Trade Center, a 104-story, \$3.9 billion, 1,776-foot-high skyscraper that dominates the Manhattan skyline. It is America's tallest building.

It's the centerpiece of the 16-acre site where the decimated twin towers once stood and where more than 2,700 people died on Sept. 11, 2001, buried under smoking mounds of fiery debris.

"The New York City skyline is whole again, as One World Trade Center takes its place in Lower Manhattan," said Patrick Foye, executive director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jer-

sey that owns both the building and the World Trade Center site.

He said One World Trade Center "sets new standards of design, construction, prestige and sustainability; the opening of this iconic building is a major milestone in the transformation of Lower Manhattan into a thriving 24/7 neighborhood."

With construction fences gone and boxes of office equipment in place, Conde Nast CEO Chuck Townsend planned to walk Monday into what Foye calls "the most secure office building in America."

Only about 170 of his company's 3,400 employees are moving in now, filling five floors of the tower, said Patricia Rockenwagner, a Conde Nast vice president and spokeswoman. About 3,000 more will arrive by early 2015.

The building is 60 percent leased, with 80,000 square feet going to the advertising firm Kids Creative, the stadium operator Legends Hospitality, the BMB



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One World Trade Center rises over New York City in October.

Group investment adviser, and Servcorp, a provider of executive offices.

The government's General Services Administration signed up for 275,000 square feet, and the

China Center, a trade and cultural facility, will cover 191,000 square feet.

From the northeast corner of the site, the tower overlooks the National September 11 Memorial & Museum built in the footprints of the twin towers. Its stated aim is to honor those who perished on that sunny September morning.

For years, the grisly pit where workers found mostly body parts was dubbed the "ground zero" of the aerial terror attack.

Now, the illuminated spire of One World Trade Center serves as a beacon to planes that fly over the city, seemingly at eye level with the high rise's open rooftop. The view stretches from Manhattan to the Statue of Liberty into New Jersey and Connecticut and all the way to the Atlantic Ocean.

At night, the incandescent steel-and-glass behemoth can be seen from vessels in New York Harbor approaching Manhattan.

An observation deck eventually will be open to the public.

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INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	0.75
Federal funds market rate	0.09
3-month bill	0.02
30-year bond	3.05

WEATHER OUTLOOK



Tuesday's US temperatures

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Russia backs Ukraine separatists' election

By NATALIYA VASILYEVA
The Associated Press

DONETSK, Ukraine — Russia gave its backing Monday to a contentious election held by separatists in eastern Ukraine, setting the stage for renewed diplomatic tensions with the West.

The Foreign Ministry in Moscow said Sunday's vote in Donetsk and Luhansk gave elected representatives the authority to restore stability in regions unsettled by an armed separatist insurgency.

Plans for the vote had been sharply criticized by the EU and the U.S., which said it violated Ukrainian law and undermined a two-month old cease-fire deal. In the vote, residents in Donetsk and Luhansk were choosing legislators and executives.

Still reeling from Russia's annexation of its Crimean Peninsula in March, Ukraine accuses Moscow of undermining its sovereignty. Russia appeared to hint in its statement, however, that

it would stop short of supporting outright independence for the Donbass, as Ukraine's heavily industrial eastern regions are known collectively.

"In view of the elections, it is extremely important to take active steps toward promoting sustained dialogue between central Ukrainian authorities and the representatives of the Donbass," the Russian statement said.

Vote results unveiled Monday showed Alexander Zakharchenko, the rebel leader in Donetsk, claiming an easy victory. The head of the separatists in Luhansk region, Igor Plotnitsky, won by a similarly large margin.

The head of the rebel election body in Donetsk, Roman Lyagin, said inescapable conclusions needed to be drawn from Sunday's polls.

"Kiev has to come to terms with the idea that Donbass is not part of Ukraine," he said. "Whether they will recognize the result of our vote or not is Kiev's problem."



AP/WIDEWORLD

Rurik George Caton Jutting, right, is seen being escorted by a police officer before appearing in court Monday in Hong Kong.

British banker charged in Hong Kong double slaying

By KELVIN CHAN
The Associated Press

HONG KONG — Hong Kong police charged a British banker on Monday with killing two women, including an Indonesian whose body was found in a suitcase on the balcony of the man's upscale apartment, authorities said.

The killings have shocked Hong Kong, an Asian financial hub with a reputation as a safe city with a low rate of violent crime.

Rurik George Caton Jutting appeared briefly at a preliminary hearing at which he spoke only to confirm that he understood the two murder charges against him.

Police earlier said Jutting, 29, had called them to his apartment in Hong Kong's Wan Chai nightlife-and-red-light district at 3:42 a.m. on Saturday.

Court documents listed his nationality as British and his occupation as a "banker of Bank

of America." Jutting worked for the bank until recently, Bank of America Merrill Lynch spokesman Paul Scanlon said Sunday, without providing more details.

According to a police statement, officers rushed to the man's apartment, where they found an unresponsive woman with cuts to her neck and buttock. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

While investigating, police found a suitcase on the balcony containing the body of a dead woman who had sustained neck injuries and had died a few days earlier, police said.

Police also seized a knife from the 31st-floor apartment in the upscale J Residence tower.

A charge sheet said a woman named Sumarti Ningsih was killed Oct. 27, indicating she was the woman whose body was found in the suitcase. It said the other person was an "unknown female."



K.M. CHAUDARY/AP

Pakistani women mourn Monday for a family member who was killed in a suicide bombing Sunday in Lahore, Pakistan.

Pakistan border bombing death toll increases to 60

By K.M. CHAUDARY
The Associated Press

WAGAH, Pakistan — Pakistanis mourned on Monday for the victims of a massive suicide bombing near the border with India as the death toll from the explosion the previous day rose to 60, police said.

The attack, for which a Taliban splinter faction claimed responsibility, was the deadliest to hit the country in more than a year. In September 2013, a suicide bombing killed at least 85 people in a church in Peshawar province.

Pakistan has seen a lull of sorts since mid-June, when the military launched a major offensive against militants in North Waziristan, a restive tribal area in the northwest, bordering Afghanistan. The army says its offensive has killed more than 1,200 insurgents.

In Sunday's attack, the bomber detonated his explosives near a paramilitary checkpoint close to the Wagah border crossing with India as hundreds of Pakistanis were returning from watching a military parade on the outskirts of Lahore.

Archrivals Pakistan and India hold daily parades and flag-flying ceremonies on their respective sides of the border, drawing thousands of spectators. The parades are meant to be a show of strength between the foes — the two nuclear-power nations have fought three wars since they gained independence in 1947.

The Pakistani Taliban splinter group Jamaat-ul-Ahrar claimed responsibility for the attack, saying it was in revenge for the army's operations in North Waziristan and the killing of their fellow militants there. Ahrar broke off from the Taliban in Au-

gust after several commanders had a falling out with the rest of the Taliban leadership.

"We will continue such attacks," the group's spokesman, Ahsanullah Ahsan, told The Associated Press. He spoke over the phone from an undisclosed location.

Sunday's attack also wounded more than 100 people, who were still hospitalized, said police offi-

cial Nadeem Khokhar. Relatives of those killed cried and wailed outside Lahore hospitals and police stations on Monday, demanding the bodies of the victims be handed over to their families them for burial.

Pakistan went ahead with the daily parade near the Indian border on Monday, despite initially announcing the event would be cancelled for the next three days.

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Watts' next? Comedy

Actress known for drama looks to lighten up her career

BY STEVEN ZEITCHIK
Los Angeles Times

Naomi Watts knows how to emoté — we've seen that classic mix of vulnerability and steadfastness many times.

The actress has emoted plenty in movies like "21 Grams" and "The Impossible," in which she played an embattled mother in hard-edged dramas. But Watts' role in one of her latest films — a quirky dramatic comedy called "Demolition" from "Dallas Buyers Club" director Jean-Marc Vallée — is a world away from "The Impossible's" Indian tsunami. She plays a stoner employee of a vending-machine company who gets into a complicated relationship with Jake Gyllenhaal's at-loose-ends Wall Streeter.

Since breaking through as the enigmatic ingenue in David Lynch's "Mulholland Drive" in 2001 (after nearly a decade of rejection and credits like "The Hunt for the Unicorn Killer"), Watts has been very busy making dramas. A lot of dramas. So many that it almost seemed like too much. Even to her.

So she decided to make a change. In Alejandro G. Iñárritu's recently opened "Birdman," she's a Hollywood-turned-stage actress who provides a foil to pretentious on-screen partner Edward Norton. And in Noah Baumbach's Toronto International Film Festival premiere "While We're Young," which hits theaters next year, she's a documentary producer who finds refuge in the hip-hop aerobics of Amanda Seyfried's eager millennial.

Genre-bending actors

Modern Hollywood is filled with actors great at one genre who want to try something else. Here are some who've crossed the comedy-drama divide from each side, and the film they used to build that bridge.

COMEDY TO DRAMA

Jim Carrey ("The Truman Show")
Kristen Wiig ("Hateship, Loveship," "Skelton Twins")
Jamie Foxx ("Any Given Sunday")
Adam Sandler ("Punch-Drunk Love")
Robin Williams ("Dead Poets Society")

DRAMA TO COMEDY

Robert De Niro ("Analyze This")
Johnny Depp ("Pirates of the Caribbean")
Meryl Streep ("Mamma Mia!")
Tom Cruise ("Tropic Thunder")
Jeff Bridges ("The Big Lebowski")

Mostly loopy, Watts plays Daka, a pregnant Eastern European stripper, in Ted Melfi's new movie "St. Vincent." Watts seizes an opportunity few ever get: giving guff to Bill Murray.

"I was doing a lot of these roles, and I just started realizing how at the end of the day it's a lot to take home," Watts said. "If you keep working like that, there's a buildup of darker things in your life. It has an effect on you."

She paused. "It's not bad doing a Russian girl who goes around and says whatever she feels like."

Actor career shifts can seem like champagne problems to those of us who don't make a living in front of the camera. But given the pigeonholing tendencies of modern Hollywood, it's a daunting obstacle for those who do, and perhaps an eye-opener for the rest of us. Watts' restlessness over her past phase and difficulties in embarking on a new one illustrate how red carpets and romances with Liev Schreiber are hardly immunizations against career complacency and frustration.

Naomi Watts has several upcoming films in which she transitions from her customary dramatic roles to comedic ones. "I was doing a lot of these (dramatic) roles, and I just started realizing how at the end of the day it's a lot to take home," Watts said. "If you keep working like that, there's a buildup of darker things in your life. It has an effect."

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MCT photos



Among Naomi Watts' latest roles: As a prostitute in "St. Vincent" (above), and as an aspiring actress in "Birdman" (left).

In fact, when Watts, 46, was first sent the "St. Vincent" script, she thought she was being considered for the part that went to Melissa McCarthy. "I mean, that was the Naomi part, so I just assumed that's what I'd be asked to do." That role, incidentally, is of an embattled single mother.

She won the funnier part, though, and wound up even doing some improv, particularly in scenes where she looks to get under the skin of Murray's curmudgeon. "I was going all out, and possibly too far at times," she told The Times at the Toronto International Film Festival. "But it was new territory, and I just wanted to bust out. I felt like I'd been in chains, like I was a wild animal getting out of this cage."

Though the performance has divided some critics with its outrageousness, it's earned plenty of plaudits; the Times Betsy Sharkey called her "a hoot."

McCarthy, herself going against type in the film, said she finds herself befuddled by these industry distinctions. "People talk about comedy and dramas these separate things, and that's rarely accurate," she said. "I think I get my heart broken in every single comedy."

'Ouija,' 'Nightcrawler' have frighteningly close finish

The Associated Press

In a scarcely close finish, the Jake Gyllenhaal crime thriller "Nightcrawler" and the board game adaptation "Ouija" tied for first at the box office with \$10.9 million each over the Halloween weekend according to studio estimates Sunday.

For Open Road's low-budget Los Angeles noir "Nightcrawler," it was a strong debut considering its creepy, unconventional protagonist. Gyllenhaal plays an ambulance-chasing man who shoots gory footage for the local news.

The independent, R-rated film was able to capitalize on a weekend that most of the studios were frightened away from. With Halloween falling on a Friday, trick-

or-treating cannibalized one of the most lucrative moviegoing nights of the week. Grosses were down 40 percent Friday from the same weekend a year ago, according to box-office tracker Rentrak.

Despite the Halloween night impact, "Ouija" dropped only 45 percent after topping the box office last weekend. That's unusually low for a micro-budget horror film, most of which see interest wane considerably after opening. But Universal opened the horror film a weekend ahead of Halloween to give it a two-week window.

Overall business was down 25 percent from the prior year. Next weekend will be a far different story, though, with the highly anticipated release of Christopher

Nolan's science-fiction epic "Interstellar," as well as Disney's animated superhero film "Big Hero 6."

In the meantime, the Brad Pitt World War II tale "Fury" held in third place with \$9.1 million in its third week of release. In its fifth week, the Ben Affleck thriller "Gone Girl" also remained in fourth with an additional \$8.8 million to its \$136.6 million cumulative total to make it the highest grossing release of director David Fincher's career.

Suge Knight ailing after fall in jail cell

Rap music figure Marion "Suge" Knight has been hospital-

ized in Las Vegas after falling in his jail cell.

Attorney Richard Schonfeld said Monday that Knight was being checked after complaining of dizziness and chest pain.

Schonfeld said he didn't know exactly when Knight was hospitalized. The development came to light during an extradition hearing at which Knight's lawyer had planned to seek bail pending Knight's return to California to face a felony robbery charge.

The 49-year-old founder of Death Row Records was arrested Oct. 29 in Las Vegas and comedian Katt Williams was arrested in the Los Angeles area on a celebrity photographer's complaint that they stole her camera Sept. 5.

Other news

■ **Jay Leno** is coming back to the "Tonight" show — at least for one night. The show's former host will be a guest on Jimmy Fallon's version of "Tonight" on Nov. 7. It will be the first time Leno has been back at the NBC institution aside from a brief cameo since signing off after nearly 22 years as host last February.

■ **Wayne Static**, the frontman for the metal band Static-X, has died Nov. 1 at age 48. Cause of death was not released. Static was the lead vocalist, keyboardist and guitarist for Static-X, whose "Wisconsin Death Trip" went platinum. He also released a solo album, "Pighammer," in 2011.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Police chase nude man, capture him in pants

OR SALEM — Police trying to arrest a man in Oregon found him in nothing but underwear, and then he ended up in his birthday suit before he was arrested in some pants he apparently found while being chased.

Salem police said the man fled out the back door of a house in his undies when they found him Tuesday.

Officers following him through yards and bushes soon realized he was no longer wearing anything at all.

When officers finally caught up with him, he had pants on.

Lt. Dave Okada said the suspect apparently lost the underwear scrambling over a fence and then grabbed the pants somewhere.

Police said James E. Bufford, 49, was wanted on a warrant alleging failure to register as a sex offender. He now also faces burglary, theft, escape and other charges.

Standoff ends with man arrested, dog killed

WI RACINE — A more than 3½-hour standoff in Racine ended with a man arrested and a dog shot and killed.

Kim Polk, 49, said the confrontation started after the man's dog had a bowel movement in her yard while she was using a leaf blower.

When she asked the man to dispose of it, he allegedly kicked it into leaves and then threatened to use a bow and arrow on her and her dog.

She said her husband ended up going to the man's house, where they argued and the other man allegedly got a machete. That's when Polk had her daughter call 911.

Police Sgt. Sam Stulo confirmed a dog was shot after officers advanced on the house.

Drivers scramble for flying cash on highway

MD URBANA — Drivers scrambled to grab money flying around a Maryland highway after an armored truck's door burst open.

Maryland State Police said a lock on the truck seems to have malfunctioned, causing the door to open Friday morning. A bag of cash fell onto the road and the bills flew into the air.

Police said a number of drivers stopped on the interstate and grabbed what cash they could before a fire department vehicle arrived and turned on its emergency lights.

Responding troopers were able to help the truck's driver recover about \$200. It's not known how much cash was lost.

Police urge the drivers who took the cash to return it to the state police barracks, or else face charges of theft if they're found.

Dozens of bats invade courthouse

UT ST. GEORGE — Order is being restored to the courthouse in St. George, Utah,

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The amount of money a woman is accused of stealing from a Clearwater, Fla., restaurant where she worked as a bookkeeper. Mary Catherine Buffano, 52, was arrested Thursday on charges of grand theft and scheming to defraud. Police said she was in charge of making deposits for Frenchy's but had been taking money from restaurant accounts for years.



BILLY HEFTON, ENID (OKLA.) NEWS & EAGLE/AP

A peck from a pig

Lady Olivia Benson, mascot of the Public Library of Enid and Garfield County, shows affection to communications specialist Abbey Roberts on Thursday in Enid, Okla. The pig is used to encourage kids to read.

with the removal of dozens of bats from the building.

The Brazilian free-tailed bats were discovered when employees arrived for work Thursday at the 5th Judicial District Courthouse.

More than 50 bats were removed Thursday and Friday from the attic and other areas of the building, said Eric Palmer of Southwest Exterminators.

Zac Weiland, a Washington County deputy prosecutor, said he heard scratching noises when he walked into court Friday morning. Bats were in the ceiling, hallways, stairwells and even inside courtrooms.

"I don't like bats. I saw (one) crawling, and it's stuck in a little lamp, and I'm like, 'I'm done, I want out,'" he said.

City council seeks to ban arrows, BBs

ND MINOT — Minot officials are taking aim at backyard target shooting.

A City Council committee has directed the city attorney and the police chief to draft an ordinance restricting projectiles. The Minot Daily News reports the ordinance would restrict the use of arrows and BB pellets to qualified shoot-

ing ranges.

Police Chief Jason Olson said it's a matter of public safety. He said the city had an ordinance at one time but it was eliminated years ago for unknown reasons.

Council member Miranda Schuler opposes an ordinance. She cited the concerns of people who safely target practice in their yards.

Woman who detonated bombs sent to prison

GA ATLANTA — When sentencing Celia Savage to six years' probation in February for making pipe bombs, U.S. District Judge Richard Story warned that if she got into trouble again, he'd send her to prison.

Story made good on that threat Friday, revoking Savage's probation and sentencing her to three years behind bars. Savage, 25, of Cornelia, Ga., was arrested in August after destroying a glass table at a tattoo parlor. She has been held without bail in Hall County Jail ever since, charged with methamphetamine possession, driving under the influence, criminal trespass and possession of prescription drugs with intent to distribute.

Savage captured national headlines in May 2012 after federal agents discovered explosive devices, guns and anarchist literature at her home. She reached a plea deal in July 2013 with prosecutors, who asked for a three-year prison sentence, but Story was a bit more forgiving.

"This may be the worst decision I've ever made, and you may make me look like an absolute fool, but I'm going to give you a chance," he told Savage in February.

Man found guilty of impersonating FBI agent

SD PIERRE — A federal jury in South Dakota has found an Alabama man guilty of various charges stemming from an incident in which he impersonated an FBI agent.

U.S. Attorney Brendan Johnson said Michael Thetford, 38, of Alabaster, Ala., has been found guilty of felon in possession of a firearm, impersonating a federal officer, interstate stalking, and tampering with witnesses.

The charges carry a maximum penalty of up to 38 years in prison.

Johnson said Thetford showed up at the Hughes County home

of William and Shirley Winslett in 2010, impersonated the agent, told them they needed to undergo a polygraph test and drove them around in a vehicle with locked back-seat doors.

Shuttle monument dedicated in Florida

FL TITUSVILLE — A 15-foot-tall shuttle monument of stainless steel and granite has been unveiled on Florida's Space Coast.

The U.S. Space Walk of Fame Museum led efforts to create the \$350,000 monument bearing six black granite panels displaying information on shuttle missions and ground operations. It's topped with an 8-ton steel shuttle emblem.

Fred Gregory, an astronaut who logged three shuttle missions, said the monument honors those on the ground who helped the astronauts reach space. "Everybody gives us the credit. And for every launch we had, I think there were probably 40,000 people around the world who were going to make that the safest, most successful mission ever," Gregory said.

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OPINION

After midterms, no reprieve: '16 race is on

By MARKOS KOUNALAKIS

Ballot propositions and congressional races were sucking up all the political oxygen in the runup to Tuesday's elections. They should. Informing ourselves and getting out the vote is critical for the healthy functioning of our democracy.

But for an electorate hoping for post-midterm relief from campaign ads and candidate messaging, that reprieve will be short-lived. Soon after the November ballots are tallied, the 2016 presidential campaign will kick in. Hold on for the ride.

This early presidential cycle will contrast potential candidates' differences on government's role, health care and taxes, but nothing will say "I'm running" more than a foray into the world of foreign policy.

Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., is the first out of the gate, not waiting for this Wednesday to make it clear he is running for president. He did not declare his candidacy; instead, he declared a reasoned four-point set of foreign policy principles in a mid-October speech at the Center for the National Interest.

Paul's "conservative realism" is not far from President Barack Obama's current policy, and they agree on how to deal with the Islamic State group. He is, however, distanced from his political allies: his father and his party. His dad, Ron Paul, a former presidential candidate, believes in a mind-our-own-business ("libertarian isolationism") approach. Rand Paul also puts arm's-length distance between himself and the Republican foreign policy establishment's worldwide Freedom Agenda ("neo-conservative interventionist" philosophy).

In his speech, Paul the younger recognizes America's limits, but also says "war is necessary when America is attacked or threatened." A decision to go to war, he says, must establish that "a precondition to

the use of force must be a clear end goal." This and his other three points sound a lot like Colin Powell's eponymous "Powell Doctrine" and former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger's "Six Tests" for going to war.

The recent speech takes a decent shot—two years out at best—at a coherent foreign policy approach that gives Paul a way to support Obama's current bombing campaign but also to attack some of his other actions.

Specifically, Paul attacks the president's Libya policies and the NATO military action that has turned that country into a failed state.

This line of Paul's argument is a direct assault on Obama, but is intended more as an attack on former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton. (Disclosure: my wife worked directly for Clinton as U.S. ambassador to Hungary and is one of her former 2008 presidential campaign national co-chairs.) By criticizing American actions in Libya while she was secretary of state, he wants to undermine Clinton's potential 2016 presidential candidacy.

It is a time-honored campaign political tactic to attack opponents' strengths and to redefine their personal narratives. In this instance, Paul recognizes that Clinton and Vice President Joe Biden dominate and outshine the potential 2016 presidential field with their foreign policy experience and expertise.

In our contemporary globalized reality, all presidential candidates are expected to be fluent in foreign policy. In 2016, the United States will still have soldiers in Afghanistan; America's NATO leadership will check a Russia that ups her game; and this country will need to manage relations with a more muscular China bent on asserting greater economic power.

Presidential candidates rarely win elections based on their foreign policy expertise (George H.W. Bush vs. Bill Clinton in 1992), but they often lose them by flunking

at foreign policy. The examples are many, with exceptional standouts being Gerald Ford's flubbing some fundamentals about Poland's relationship to the Soviet Union and Sarah Palin's simplistic response to CBS' Katie Couric's questions regarding Russia and helping to sink John McCain's candidacy.

Future presidential candidates need to get some stamps in their passports, bone up on their geography and feel comfortable not only with foreign leaders but with the complexities of America's global power and perception.

That is a tall order for congressmen, senators and governors with national political ambitions. There are few contemporaries who will enter the Oval Office who can bring the type of foreign policy experience that George H.W. Bush had as a former ambassador to the United Nations, director of the CIA and vice president. Time spent on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee helps—Sen. Obama leveraged his stint on that committee as a credential. Time on the Intelligence or Armed Services committees helps, too.

A governor needs to take advantage of overseas trade delegations, bilateral state-to-state agreements and fact-finding missions with ethnic or religious minority groups who make up a state's diverse populations. Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., is a Cuban-American with an informed understanding and nuanced approach to Cuba. If former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush is thinking about a presidential run, he will have to update his Latin America policy thoughts and credentials.

On Tuesday, go out and vote. Then scrape off the 2014 bumper stickers for 2016 presidential candidates who act locally, but can think and talk globally.

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If politicians really told the truth, we'd hear this

By LANE FILLER

Newsday

Each year as the election cycle approaches a zenith of rboabals, shrieking television ads and mail-boxes full of fliers, I get nostalgic. I get nostalgic for a normal workload, because endorsement season for editorial writers is like December for Santa's elves. I get nostalgic for dog food commercials, with their lovable pugs and Boston terriers, because I prefer them to the snarling pit bulls and Rotweillers featured in the campaign commercials that suck up every bit of ad time.

And I get nostalgic for the movie "Bulworth." Warren Beatty and Halle Berry starred in the 1998 cult classic about a politician who, because he was badly sleep-deprived and believed he was about to be assassinated by a hit man he had hired to do the job, began to tell the truth about everything. He became beloved and was instead assassinated by "the establishment" for telling those truths.

I wonder how a knowledgeable politician who told the truth at all times would fare? Could a member of Congress tell the truth:

On immigration?

"I know I've been claiming for years that we have to secure the border first, then deal with the illegals who are already here, but this time I fessed up. We can't secure the border. Securing the border is a myth. About 40 percent of our undocumented immigrants come in legally and just stay. New York City had 14 million international visitors last year. They didn't swim the Rio Grande to get here, and we can't turn them away. The real mystery is why anyone pays smugglers \$5,000 to bring them in when it's cheaper and easier to just fly to Orlando, Fla., take in Disney and Universal for a weekend, then just stay. So, yeah ... that whole 'fence the border' thing, I just wanted you to like me."

On waste, fraud and abuse?

"Listen, I know I've been saying I'll balance the budget by stopping the waste, fraud and abuse, but if I knew how to do that, I wouldn't be running for State Assembly. I'd be running for emperor-for-life, and I'd win. We can't stop waste because the folks who support the wasteful programs (farm subsidies, the military system so useful the military doesn't want them, post offices on every corner that people hardly visit) are too powerful. And fraud and abuse are just

stealing. Saying I'll stop it is like a police chief saying 'he'll end car break-ins.' Just not possible."

On education?

"I've been promising to fix the schools, but they're mostly not broken. It's just that the failing ones serve poor kids who fell so far behind between birth and age 6 that they mostly can't catch up. For them, the hours they spend at school are the safest, most structured parts of their day. They get fed, have heat and air conditioning and don't have adults trying to help them grow and learn. We need kids to stop having babies. We need to ensure a comfortable, stimulating and loving infancy for poor tots. Without that, increasing spending on schools is like setting money on fire."

On Social Security?

"I know I say the system is going broke and benefits will be reduced, but we don't do something, but it's a lie. We'll either hike taxes to fix the funding or borrow more to pay the benefits, because elected officials would rather paper-cut their eyeballs and pour salt under the lids than cut Social Security benefits to seniors. Sorry about all the fear-mongering. It seemed like a great idea at the time, and everyone was doing it."

We need candidates who would spit these hot truths. But first we'd need a voting public that would support such honesty. In the movie, Sen. Jay Bulworth got shot. In real life, he would have been labeled a crank, lost his election by 20 points and been dumped by Halle Berry.

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OPINION

The evolving acceptance of dual citizenship

BY PETER J. SPIRO

Naturalization ceremonies are the stock in trade of American news organizations: the speeches, the number of countries represented among the applicants and the pictures of newly minted Americans waving miniature American flags.

One fact you won't find in these stories: Most of those brand-new Americans will be brand-new dual citizens. Most naturalization applicants keep their original citizenship as they acquire U.S. citizenship. Mexico, the Philippines, South Korea, Australia and a long list of other countries now openly accept the status. Other countries that officially reject the status, such as China, do nothing to police against it. Out of the top 20 source countries for naturalization applicants in 2013, 19 at least tolerate dual citizenship.

The number of dual citizens is soaring from other sources as well. Children born to immigrants in the United States will automatically have U.S. citizenship at the same time that they will typically inherit their parents' nationality, or nationalities. Other native-born Americans are acquiring the nationality of their ancestors. Have a grandparent born in the old country? Getting Irish, Italian or Greek citizenship has never been easier and, with it, the right to live and work anywhere in the European Union.

Dual citizenship is now a common aspect of globalization, but it was once the bane of nations. The prevalence of bifurcated Americans would have been unimaginable to our political forebears. Theodore Roosevelt called the "theory" of dual nationality a "self-evident absurdity." The 19th-century American diplomat George Bancroft asserted that we should "as soon tolerate a man with two heads as a man with two countries." To earlier generations, dual citizenship wasn't just an anomaly, it was also a moral abomination.

Divided loyalty wasn't the real source of the problem. There have been few cases of



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From left, Yassin Elalamy, of Egypt, Ezra Dessie, of Ethiopia, and Hilary Suarez, of the Dominican Republic, recite the pledge of allegiance during a Halloween-themed naturalization ceremony for 38 children (from 18 countries) Friday in Baltimore.

dual-citizen spies or saboteurs (they would be the last to advertise the alternate attachment). The language of morality and allegiance dressed up the human equivalent of turf battles between the United States and European sovereigns. In the 19th century, manpower equaled state power. Most European countries refused to recognize naturalization in the United States. Naturalized Americans on family visits back home would often find themselves conscripted into homeland armies. U.S. authorities would intervene on their behalf, and diplomatic dust-ups were the result.

Today, dual citizens pose no such threat to cordial bilateral relationships. With respect to military service and income taxes, states have essentially agreed to

make residence, not citizenship, the key criterion. They have even come to terms on democratic representation. Many states allow their shared citizens to participate in national elections even though they aren't residents. Italian-Americans with shared citizenship, who are perfectly free to vote in the U.S., can also vote for a North American representative to the Italian parliament.

Immigrant-sending countries see emigrant populations as an economic resource. Citizenship becomes a tool for cementing transboundary diaspora ties. Mexico was once deeply suspicious of those who moved permanently to the United States, and it terminated the Mexican citizenship of anyone who became naturalized

as an American. That rule was abolished in 1998. By default, all Mexicans acquiring U.S. citizenship after 1998 also remain citizens of Mexico. India is the only major source country that still rejects dual citizenship (its constitution expressly prohibits the status).

Sure, it may mean that some dual citizens will be rooting for the other team — sometimes literally, as happened in a 2011 Rose Bowl contest between the U.S. and Mexican national soccer teams. But sports is probably the only context in which states are still pitted in zero-sum contests. Some may continue to frame the issue as one of divided loyalty. In practice, in situation after situation, dual citizenship hasn't proved a problem.

It's true that new U.S. citizens are still required to "renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state or sovereignty, of whom or which [they] have heretofore been a subject or citizen." The oath has never been enforced by U.S. authorities. Historically, that was taken care of by other countries who revoked the citizenship of those becoming naturalized here.

Recent efforts to enforce the renunciation oath have gone nowhere because the advantages of dual citizenship cut across a variety of politically powerful constituencies. Our new citizens deserve a revised oath reflecting contemporary realities. In the meantime, the archaic phraseology won't stop many from holding on to their original citizenship.

And shouldn't they? Citizenship is an important part of individual identity. There's no reason it needs to be exclusive. Those of us who are U.S. citizens also have other associations: religions, civic institutions, advocacy groups. That some of us belong to other nations doesn't undermine our capacity to be good Americans.

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Time only shows greater need for entitlement reform

BY J. ROBERT KERREY
AND JOHN C. DANFORTH

A lot can happen in 20 years. And yet sometimes you look back and find that for all the apparent change, you are not very far from where you started.

We have had that feeling lately as we look back on the work we did as co-chairs of the 1994 Bipartisan Commission on Entitlement and Tax Reform and the budget and tax reform commission issued an interim report. Thirty of the 32 members agreed that "current trends are not sustainable."

Much has changed since then. Yet in Washington, one thing remains the same: Current trends are unsustainable.

The numbers have changed, of course. In fact many of the numbers have gone positive, particularly the projections for health care spending and interest on the debt. For the next few years at least, the debt is projected to remain relatively stable as a share of the economy.

Unfortunately, that is not the end of the story.

We still have a structural mismatch between entitlement promises and revenue. An aging population and rising health care costs, the basic dynamics that we warned about, remain a threat to fiscal stability.

Meanwhile, the passage of time, the failure to take more ambitious actions and the erosion of new obligations have combined to limit our choices and place the

government in a more difficult position to address the challenges than it was 20 years ago.

The debt burden has grown sharply. Debt held by the public has gone from 48 percent of gross domestic product in 1994 to 74 percent in 2014. This limits our fiscal flexibility and constrains the policy choices of future generations.

Demographics are working against us. The baby boom generation, which was coming into its peak earning years when we were on the commission, has begun to retire, slowing potential economic growth, lowering potential revenue and increasing spending on retirement and health care benefits.

Social Security, which still had many years of positive cash flows ahead of it in 1994, has begun to run cash deficits. With each passing year, the cumulative gap that must be closed grows wider, and the Disability Insurance Trust Fund is projected to run dry before the next president takes office.

Government health care benefits have been expanded with a Medicare prescription drug benefit (Part D), wider eligibility for Medicaid and new health insurance subsidies. Discretionary spending has been capped at its lowest level in more than 50 years, making further savings from this category improbable. Simply maintaining the current caps will be an onerous challenge. Income tax rates have been cut for most households, and the revenue drain

from "tax expenditures" has increased.

Even the good news on interest costs and health care comes with some major caveats.

Interest on the debt has grown more slowly than we projected, primarily because deficits were not as high as forecast in the early years, and interest rates in recent years have been unusually low due to the economic slowdown. As deficits begin to rise again and interest rates return to more traditional levels, however, the cost of servicing our higher debt will become the fastest-growing category of the budget. The prospect of spiraling interest costs has merely been postponed, not eliminated.

Health care cost growth has moderated considerably in recent years, and this development is now programmed into the long-term projections by both the Congressional Budget Office and the Medicare trustees. However, the extent to which this slower growth will persist is highly uncertain. If the recent decrease in per-person costs proves to be temporary, as some analysts believe, the expense of providing benefits could rise much higher than projected.

Moreover, the favorable long-term projections depend in part upon the success of cost-control strategies in the Affordable Care Act that have yet to be fully implemented or tested. The Medicare chief actuary has warned that some of the assumed savings may not be feasible over the long term.

Buying time through incremental change has also left in place a dynamic that is transforming the federal budget into little more than an automated process of writing checks to individuals. Such transfer payments have grown from 56 percent of the budget in 1994 to 70 percent in 2014.

Federal investment spending has continued a decline that began before our report. According to the Office of Management and Budget, federal spending on major investment programs is now 2.7 percent of GDP and 12.8 percent of the budget — both historic lows. Forty years ago, those numbers were 4.1 percent of GDP and 22.7 percent of the budget.

We're placing a growing burden on future workers and investing less in the economy that will be called upon to support that burden.

And this generationally irresponsible pattern will continue, absent major changes that alter the long-term trends rather than simply postpone a crisis.

We still believe that such changes can happen. For the sake of a stronger economy for future generations, they must. But the time for thinking, and these issues have largely been ignored on the campaign trail this fall. We can't wait another 20 years.

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SHIFTING GEARS

Ram Power Wagon fills off-road niche

By TERRY BOX

The Dallas Morning News

Nobody crowded me in the big blue Power Wagon — a glaring, heavy-metal masher that looked as if it had just lumbered out of a swamp.

Gray camouflage graphics clung to the pickup's giant flanks like radioactive mud, while a huge hook from its Warn Winch hung ominously from a slot in the bumper.

A toothy grille larger than some garage doors gave the truck a hungry look — as if it might soon need a little snack of Sentra or Yaris.

Even parked, it dripped menace like sweat from a street fighter.

I thought the pumped-up, sky-high 2014 Ram Power Wagon might just be the perfect commuter vehicle.

Once you pull yourself into place in the lofty 7,100-pound beast — I recommend a running start combined with a small ramp — it quickly clears the fast lane on a scenic expressway.

As you may know, the Power Wagon is one of those gigantic specialty pickups vaguely similar in some ways to Ford's highly successful F-150 Raptor desert-runner.

But how much of a market can there possibly be for a \$56,000 pickup built to crawl over rocks in the back country — a truck that won't fit in many garages, parking lots or budgets?

More than we might imagine, I suspect. Like it or not, we are a nation of pickup truck drivers, with the Ford F-series, Chevrolet Silverado and Ram occupying the No. 1, 2 and 5 rankings for sales last year.

(The Toyota Camry and Honda Accord were sandwiched, literally, in between, in the No. 3 and 4 spots.)

And with pickups also in the industry's most profitable vehicles, every niche can be a mini gold mine.

Actually, the Power Wagon offers a bit more practicality than you might expect from something looming 6 feet 10 inches above earth.

Based on a Ram Heavy Duty four-wheel-drive pickup, the Power Wagon has a two-inch lift for even more ground clearance, Bilstein monotube shocks and knobby 28S/70 tires on polished 17-inch wheels.

But the one I had recently also came with satellite radio, Chrysler's UConnect system and integrated voice command with Bluetooth.

Still, let's be honest here: Big Blue might not be all that comfortable at a prim-and-proper dinner party.

Driving large

Occupying most of my 1955-vintage driveway, the four-door, crew-cab truck had all the gritty bulk of a steel-mill locomotive.

Its upright big-rig grille seemed



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The 2014 Ram Power Wagon stands 6 feet 10 inches tall and has a truck version of the 6.4-liter Hemi V-8 that produces 410 horsepower and 429 pound-feet of torque.

2014 Ram Power Wagon Crew Cab



Type of vehicle: Full-size, four-wheel-drive, five-passenger pickup.
Price as tested: \$56,040.

Fuel economy: Not required to be disclosed.

Weight: About 7,100 pounds.

Engine: 6.4-liter Hemi V-8 with 410 horsepower and 429 pound-feet of torque.

Transmission: Six-speed automatic.

Performance: 0 to 60 mph in approximately 8 seconds.

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more Peterbilt than ever, bristling with angry chrome bars and pushing hard against fairly conventional headlamps.

Mirrors far bigger than Jay Leno's head hung from oversized front doors.

A raised hood added to the truck's dramatic bulk. I can't tell you much about the pickup bed because I never saw it. Height restrictions — my own — prohibited it.

Huge inside and out

The closest I could come to something challenging to climb was the guard shack at The Daily Planet, and that seemed a bit extreme. (Besides, I couldn't remember whether the guards are armed these days.)

Nonetheless, I drove it like most people probably will — using it during the week as my primary transportation to work and other places where it would fit.

Like the Raptor, the Power Wagon doesn't make you pay heavily for driving around in a pickup bigger than some barns in Arkansas.

While its ride lacked some of the refinement in the Raptor, it stretched out reasonably well on smooth pavement, feeling just slightly fidgety.

On some of the moonscapes streets around Dallas, though, it could get bouncy and stiff.

Also, forget screeching around corners in a truck tall enough to use as a platform for cleaning second-story windows.

Let's just say the Power Wagon shuffles through curves like a typical pickup — with all-American confidence, not competence.

So where exactly does the brutal, bold Power Wagon fit in our increasingly timid universe? Wherever it wants, I guess.

Moreover, the Power Wagon's Big Bend persona gives the rapidly growing Ram brand another stout dash of credibility.



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The hook hanging from the 2014 Ram Power Wagon's bumper is connected to a Warn Winch that off-roaders can use to pull the truck out of mud and other hazards.

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Patricia Sims sought in vain to help her son, Issac, an Iraq War veteran, receive counseling at the VA.

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UNDER SIEGE

FROM WITHIN

By MARTIN KUZ ■ Stars and Stripes

KANSAS CITY, Mo.

The neighborhoods on Kansas City's east side exist in various stages of entropy. Crime is commonplace, and residents accept without comment the sporadic pop of gunfire. Along Lawndale Avenue, shaggy lawns border houses that slump from weather and neglect, almost too exhausted to stand.

Patricia and Shawn Sims settled in the working-class area in 2000, buying a brown clapboard bungalow after years of moving around the country with their son and daughter in tow. They were drawn by the low cost of living and the proximity of the Veterans Affairs Medical Center 2 miles away. Then as now, Shawn traveled to the hospital several times a year for an array of physical ailments resulting from his combat tours in Vietnam.

Patricia believed war had affected their son's mental health. Issac Sims sustained a traumatic brain injury from an explosion during his second tour in Iraq with the Army in 2010. The blast had fractured his genial nature.

"I was worried about how he'd been act-

ing since he got hurt," she said, dressed in a gray T-shirt with "Army" imprinted in black lettering across the front. She sat in the living room on a sagging leather sofa beside tote bags bloated with her son's medical and military records. "I wanted to figure out what kind of help he could get."

Sims drifted within himself after his return to Kansas City following his discharge from the Army in April 2013. He fell out of contact with his military comrades, perhaps to blunt the ache of what had slipped away, and avoided most of his old friends in town, whose experiences he found too removed

Reeling from PTSD, Issac Sims finds himself unable to gain access to VA treatment as he spirals toward tragedy

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from his own. He showed scarce interest in working. His marriage remained fraught.

His isolation and depression mixed with anxiety as his mind moved at the speed of war.

He "patrolled" Lawndale Avenue, walking the street as he scanned rooftops for snipers, dropping into a crouch when a car backfired or a door slammed. He sometimes carried a gun and military rations when heading out on a "mission" in the forest behind the neighborhood. Migraines stalked him, sleep evaded him.

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At his mother's urging, Sims visited the VA. Tests confirmed his traumatic brain injury and suggested he suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder. A clinician prescribed medications for his anxiety, headaches and insomnia.

Recent studies have documented a widespread pattern of VA providers overprescribing drugs. The reports bolster a perception that the agency emphasizes medicating patients over counseling them to hold down costs. For Sims, drugs proved ineffectual, even as the label of PTSD intensified his self-alienation.

"He wore that with shame," Patricia said. His reaction typified that of combat veterans steeped in the military ethos of invulnerability. On occasion, holding up an old Army ID card or unit patch, Sims told his parents, "This is who I am. I'm not some crazy person." Groping for purpose, he spoke of joining the French Foreign Legion.

America's faraway wars came home in the form of the men and women sent to fight them. The actions of some veterans with PTSD can make them appear inscrutable and unsympathetic, and if tolerated by the military to varying degrees, they re-enter a civilian world that is largely unaware of and indifferent to their condition. Their families struggle to decode what goes unspoken.

Like many veterans, Sims was reticent with loved ones about his combat tours. After moving back to Kansas City, he never talked with his family about the bomb blast in Iraq that scarred his mind. He alluded to survivor's guilt without sharing details.

Patricia hoped he would unburden himself on their long walks in the woods, when they amused each other by singing duets, switching from Sinatra to Nickelback to church hymns. Shawn, an electrician by trade and a handyman by nature, hoped for the same when he asked his son to help with small projects around the house and yard.

"He kept everything pretty much to himself," Shawn said. "I understand that, but you could also see he had things that were bothering him."

Shawn has withstood the internal ravages of war for more than 40 years. Combat trauma trailed him home after he served in Vietnam, and in bad moments when the memories return, he feels rage and despair anew. "That's why I didn't push him on anything," he said. "With PTSD, you're just trying to survive."

His flight facade bears a blue "U.S. Army" tattoo dulled by the decades, and he wore a black baseball cap dotted with military pins and stitched with the words "Purple Heart Combat Wounded." His injuries included a bullet wound to his right foot, and in March he had a partial amputation. When Shawn had started walking stairs, his son carried him. "Yeah, good kid," he said, voice rustling. "Good heart."

Clashes and peace came about his attire. Sims presented a calm, even carefree facade to strangers and acquaintances. He could don a soldier's poise as he once put on a uniform. Those closer to him observed a man under siege from within. Josh Pacetti, a young homeless man whom Sims befriended in his final months, sensed in him an ineffable heaviness.



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Shawn Sims stands by the back door of his garage in Kansas City, Mo., in the spot where police fatally shot his son.

THE SERIES

Part 1: The unwinding of Isaac Sims' Army career.

Today: Reeling from post-traumatic stress disorder, Sims finds himself unable to gain access to a Veterans Affairs treatment program as he spirals toward tragedy.

Part 3: A five-hour standoff between Sims and Kansas City police leads to his fatal shooting and questions about the tactics of police for handling veterans in crisis.

Part 4: A look at a federally funded program to train police in de-escalation tactics for dealing with troubled veterans, and how an officer's shooting of an unarmed veteran with PTSD spurred one police agency's reform efforts.

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realed, he watched the combat veteran succumb to wounds from a distant battlefield. "He had the war inside of him."

Accountability

Sims had stopped taking his prescribed medications by this year. He blamed the jumble of drugs for his drowsiness and worsening headaches. Around the same time, Patricia discovered he had developed an addiction to aerosols, inhaling vapors from shaving cream cans and hair spray

IT SEEMED LIKE THERE WAS SOMETHING DARK WEIGHING ON HIS CHEST THAT HE COULDN'T EXPRESS. HE HAD THE WAR INSIDE OF HIM.

— Josh Pacetti, friend of Isaac Sims

bottles. The effects of aerosols mimic those of alcohol and pot, the substances most often used by people with PTSD to self-medicate.

The unrest in his marriage deepened. In March, his wife called police and alleged he had struck her. Officers arrived at the couple's house, across the street from his parent's home, and as he later told his mother, the sight of their weapons provoked a flashback to Iraq. He ran down Lawndale Avenue as cops gave chase before tackling him.

Sims vented on Facebook about how officers handled him. He wrote that they "held me down then took turns hitting me as hard as they could attempting to snap my neck, stomped my already broken skull more times than I could count as well as dislocating (sic) my knee and then re-setting it while senior officers looked on and laughed. I have never been so disappointed in the so called justice system in my life." Three neighbors who witnessed his arrest offered similar accounts to Stars and Stripes.

Authorities charged Sims with domestic assault. His parents and several neighbors asserted that his wife, a native Cambodian who speaks limited English, lied to police and instigated much of the discord at the couple's household. Following his arrest, she moved into a domestic abuse shelter.

(She could not be reached for comment.)

Sims moved into a spare bedroom in his parents' basement, and in April he pleaded guilty in the city's veterans treatment court. Six years ago, Judge Ardrie Bland created the court, the second of its kind in the nation, to divert veterans toward support services for behavioral health, substance abuse, jobs and housing.

"We were seeing these vets with problems — mental illness, alcohol, homelessness — that you could pretty much connect to when they got out of the service," he said.

"Their behavior could look pretty bad. But when you started to understand the root causes, and you thought about how they've served their country, it seemed like there was something more we could do — should do — than lock them up or just put them back on the street."

Bland has learned that support services matter little unless a veteran with combat trauma commits to treatment. He considered Sims sincere in his desire to repair his mind. "I really felt like we were on the right path," Bland said. "He seemed like he understood what was going on."

The judge directed him to seek counseling at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

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Sims resented that he had to plead guilty to avoid jail, and he complained to his parents about the order to attend therapy. His inability to grasp the severity of his condition reflected a common symptom of PTSD. Attuned to his lack of insight, his parents and friends recalled, they accompanied him to the hospital at least five times in May in a series of failed attempts to enter him into a treatment program.

Pacetti joined him on one trip. He described Sims charging up and down a stairwell in the 10-story building to check for insurgents and bombs as he "cleared" the hospital. A short time later, Pacetti said, an intake worker told them no beds were available.

Claude Guidry runs the Kansas City VA's case management program for veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. He explained the two-step process for starting treatment.

A social worker at the hospital meets with a veteran for an initial assessment and decides whether a psychiatrist or psychologist should conduct an in-depth evaluation that day. In most cases, he said, the evaluation is deferred at the patient's request, with a follow-up appointment typically scheduled within five days.

"I hear about medical centers where you have to wait a considerable time," Guidry said. "Here, that's not the case."

Federal privacy laws prohibited Guidry from discussing Sims' medical record and efforts to receive counseling, and the VA's acting inspector general in Washington has yet to release findings of a review of his case.

Yet Guidry's time estimate contrasts with the apparent delays endured by Sims and other veterans. Pat Hinkle, a psychotherapist in the Kansas City suburb of Overland Park, works with retired servicemembers in his private practice. Some patients have arranged sessions with him after waiting as long as four months to meet with a VA clinician.

"The level of care there seems to be good," he said. "But it's getting in that's a problem."

Hinkle, an Army veteran, contends the agency should ease access to short-term services for patients in crisis and provide greater oversight for long-range care. "There has to be more help for the most severe cases," he said. "The need is growing."

'I'm so frustrated'

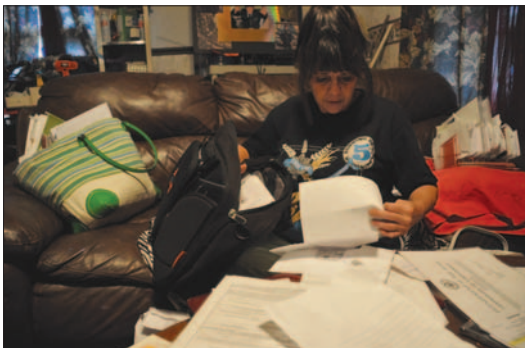
Sims and his mother tried to enroll him in a counseling program at the VA hospital on May 21. Turned away, they went back two days later, and an intake clerk told them a bed might open in 30 days. Patricia recounted how in a desperate plea, and to no avail, said she asked whether her son could bring a sleeping bag and stay on the floor.

"I didn't know what to do," she said. "It was like, 'Can't you all do something to help my boy not be so ate up and confused?'"

In his last days, Sims, who would have turned 27 in July, rarely slept and subsisted mostly on military rations. He took miles-long "speed hikes" in the woods to scout for enemy combatants. Standing by a window inside his parents' house, he pretended to shoot cars and passersby with a wood sword. He shouted to neighbors, "I'm the best soldier in this troop!"

His bitterness over his arrest had hardened into defiance. One afternoon sitting in the living room with his AK-47 bracing his thighs, Sims vowed that if police officers confronted him again, "They ain't taking me alive."

"He was out there," Patricia said. She felt helpless as he receded further into an unseen war. His mind was racing and he was talking nonsense most of the time.



The label of PTSD intensified Issac Sims' self-alienation after his discharge from the Army last year. "He wore that with shame," said Patricia Sims, who has been gathering her son's military and medical records.

The one thing he said that made sense was, 'I'm so frustrated right now.'

The family had always kept a handful of guns in the home, and with a pair of veterans living with her, Patricia regarded firearms as a fact of life. Only in retrospect would she wish she had locked up the weapons.

On the morning of May 25, Sims argued with his father about which one of them should pick up Patricia from a friend's house. Shawn refused to hand over the keys to his yellow Hummer H2, concerned about his son driving in an agitated state.

"I got angry when he got angry," Shawn said. "That was my fault. I gotta remember he's not there in his mind. Two guys living together with PTSD is not a good deal."

Sims grabbed his AK-47 and fired five or

six rounds while standing in the front yard. Shawn called 911. He told the dispatcher his son suffered from PTSD and requested that police bring him to the VA. He then called Rick Jackson, a friend of Issac's who lives on Lawndale Avenue, and asked him to stop by to try to calm his son.

Jackson walked over and knocked on the front door. "Rick, is that you?" Sims yelled. Hearing Jackson's voice, Sims invited him inside and said, "If it wasn't you, I was going to shoot you and break your neck."

The former soldier wore dark running shorts, and his torso was bare except for an infantry blue cord around one shoulder and a length of black parachute cord around the other. His appearance had changed with his manner. He chattered without pause



Issac Sims

while showing his friend how to dismantle and reassemble the AK-47. Jackson stared, bemused.

"It was an Issac I didn't know," he said. "It was like he was back in the military!"

He urged Sims to seek help and hugged him before leaving. Opening the front door, Jackson saw a handful of police officers standing at the edge of the yard, guns drawn. He raised his hands and said, "Don't shoot!"

Officers reported hearing shots from inside the house. Sims ignored their commands to step outside. They ordered residents to evacuate and escorted Shawn away from the house to police headquarters, where Patricia met him. The next time the couple saw their son he was on a steel table beneath a white sheet.

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— Judge Ardie Bland, Kansas City veterans treatment court



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Judge Ardie Bland, who oversees the veterans treatment court in Kansas City, Mo., directed Issac Sims to seek counseling at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center after he pleaded guilty to domestic assault in April.

NATION



CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP

Nik Wallenda walks a tightrope uphill at a 19-degree angle, from the Marina City west tower across the Chicago River to the top of the Leo Burnett Building on Sunday night in Chicago. Wallenda walked the 454-foot span in about 6½ minutes.

Daredevil walks tightrope between towers blindfolded

By CARLA K. JOHNSON
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Daredevil Nik Wallenda wowed the world with back-to-back walks on a tightrope between Chicago skyscrapers without a safety net or a harness, performing one of them blindfolded, as a crowd gasped and cheered.

"I feel incredible," Wallenda said during a news conference afterward Sunday night.

He said strong winds and the steeper-than-expected angle of the first high wire caused him to hurry his performance. Wallenda had practiced at a 15-degree angle but said the wire was actually at 19 degrees.

"That cable looked like it was going straight up," he said.

Thousands of cheering fans packed the streets around the city's Marina City towers to watch the 35-year-old heir to the Flying Wallendas' family business.

It took Wallenda about six and a half minutes to walk the 454-foot stretch from the Marina City west tower to the top of a building on the other side of the river.

"I love Chicago, and Chicago definitely loves me," said Wallenda as he walked that wire, with the crowd below him screaming in support. "What an amazing road!"

The next stage of Wallenda's high-wire event he undertook blindfolded — a 94-foot walk be-



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After making his first walk across the Chicago skyline, Wallenda donned a blindfold for a 94-foot walk between the Marina City towers. He completed the stretch in a little more than a minute.

tween the two Marina City towers. He made the stretch in little more than a minute.

The Discovery Channel used a 10-second delay for the broadcast, which would have allowed producers to cut away if anything went wrong.

Journalists covering the event signed waivers relinquishing their right to claim emotional distress if they witness a catastrophe.

Two of his previous televised tightrope walks — over the brink of Niagara Falls in 2012 and across the Little Colorado River Gorge in 2013 — drew about 13 million viewers each.

Residents of Marina City were asked not to use laser pointers, camera flashes or drones that could interfere.

"It was amazing. I saw it with my own eyes," one spectator, Cynthia Garner, said afterward. "I was afraid when he first started, but once I saw that he didn't hesitate and just walked, I wasn't scared for him no more."

A year before Wallenda was born, his great-grandfather Karl Wallenda fell to his death during a tightrope stunt in Puerto Rico. He was 73.

What's next? Wallenda has said he next wants to recreate a 1,200-foot-long high-wire walk made famous by his great-grandfather.

The stunt in Georgia included two headstands on the high wire.

"I've trained a bit to do a headstand on the wire, but I've never done it publicly because I've always said if I'm going to do it, I'm going to do it on that walk with him," Wallenda said, explaining that he wants to use vintage film of Karl Wallenda's walk to create the illusion of the two of them sharing the high wire.

"My dream is to actually walk the wire with my great-grandfather," he said.

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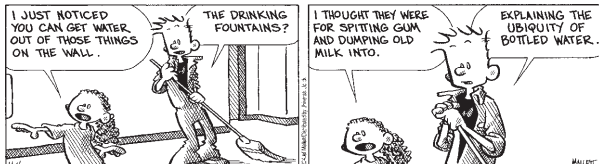
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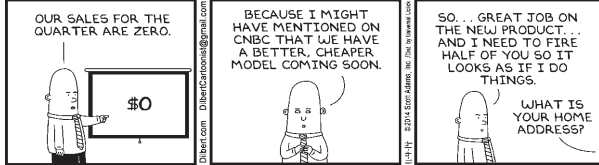
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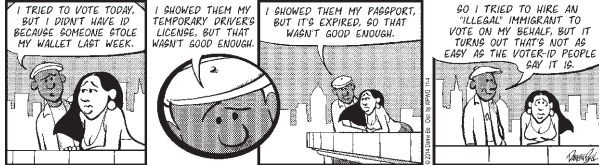
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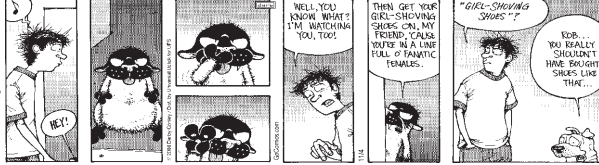
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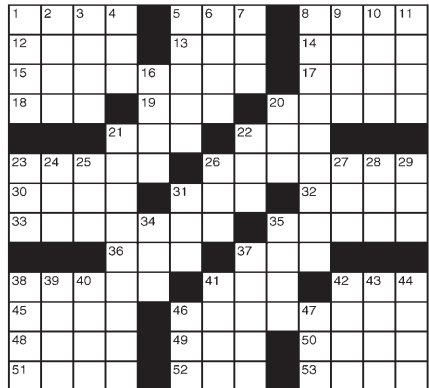
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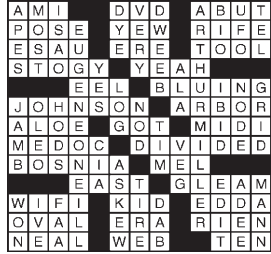
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HIGH SCHOOL/SPORTS BRIEFS

Shappell-led Seisen girls edge ASIJ for title

Thorbecke paces Mustangs boys; Kadena's Ficenec places second

Stars and Stripes

GOTEMBA, Japan — About four years ago, Britanni Shappell and her family came to the conclusion that running would be her sports forte.

As a freshman this fall, she's proven that prescience to be perfect.

Shappell, of Seisen International, capped a perfect season on Monday by winning the Far East cross country championship, adding that title to those from the Asia-Pacific Invitational and the Kanto Plain finals.

"It feels really good. I'm quite excited," said Shappell, who capped her own personal comeback from a muscle pull, a stress fracture and a growth spurt that affected her knees the past couple of years in track and field and cross country. "So I gave it all I got," she said.

Shappell has been setting records since her middle-school days; at one time, she held Pacific records in both the 1,500 and 3,000 as a sixth-grader.

On a clear, cool fall afternoon on a trail course at Camp Fuji, Shappell seized the lead from the start and spent the rest of the race "trying to maintain the lead," she said. "I felt pretty good, pretty confident." She was timed in 19 minutes, 57.7 seconds.

Seisen placed three runners in the Division I top 10 and captured top team honors with 27 points, four ahead of American School In Japan, which also had three top-

10 runners, including runner-up Lisa Watanuki.

Zoe Jarvis of Kubasaki was the top DODDS runner, fourth in 21:09.2.

The boys race featured something of a surprise, as the favorite, Evan Yukevich of ASIJ, faded halfway through the race and finished seventh, while teammate Willen Thorbecke seized control and won in 17:26.6.

"Better than what I had trained for, to do our best, that anybody can win on any given day and today it happened to be me," Thorbecke said.

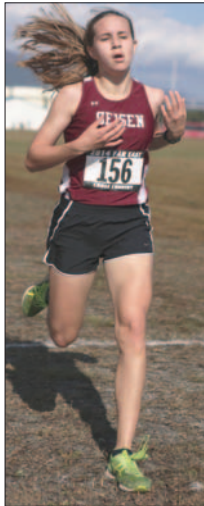
The senior is one of a group of Mustangs runners that could be the deepest any school has ever had.

Thorbecke, Yukevich and Kadena's Hunter Ficenec ran together ahead of the pack for the first mile, then Thorbecke said Yukevich told him to stay with Ficenec before he fell back to the pack.

Thorbecke said he owed the victory to his teammates and his coaches for helping train and get him to this point. "It's a team sport and this was a team victory," Thorbecke said.

ASIJ placed all five of its runners in the top 10 and unseated defending champion Kadena 9-31 for first. The leading DODDS runner was Ficenec in 17:42.8.

In Division II, St. Maur International senior Lucille Nunnelly successfully defended the title she won as a junior. She was timed

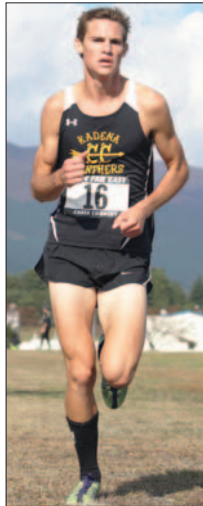


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Seisen freshman Britanni Shappell won in a time of 19 minutes, 51.7 seconds, almost 50 seconds ahead of the second-place finisher.

In 21:30.1, 38.1 seconds ahead of teammate Allison Hao.

The Cougars outdistanced E.J. King 21-37 for the D-II team title. Cobras sophomore Amelia McGrath was the top DODDS fin-



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Hunter Ficenec of Kadena was the highest-finishing DODDS runner, placing second to ASIJ's Willen Thorbecke in a time of 17 minutes, 42.8 seconds.

isher, third in 22:11.4.

On the boys side, Kento Nambara and Shawn Monroe posted 1-2 finishes, 18:32.7 and 18:39.5, as Okinawa Christian outpointed Zama 23-38 for the title. Kai

Scoreboard

Far East Cross Country Meet
Monday at Camp Fuji, Japan

Boys
Division I
American School In Japan 19, Kadena 31, St. Mary's 58, Kubasaki 59, Kinrick 78, Seoul American 89, Yokota 107.
1. Willen Thorbecke, ASIJ, 17 minutes, 26.6 seconds; 2. Hunter Ficenec, Kadena, 17:42.8; 3. Thomas Richter, St. Mary's, 18:02.4; 4. Junta Callahan, Kadena, 18:16.3; 5. Ryan Nishida, ASIJ, 18:19.8; 6. Luke Rogan, ASIJ, 18:24.8; 7. Evan Yukevich, ASIJ, 18:32.6; 8. Johnathon Johnson, Kubasaki, 18:36.2; 9. Taiki Mochizuki, St. Mary's, 18:37.9; 10. Britt Sease, ASIJ, 18:39.6.

Division II
Okinawa Christian 23, Zama 38, St. Maur 49, Perry 56, E.J. King 74, Edgren 104, Osan and Humphreys 119.
1. Kento Nambara, OCSI, 18 minutes, 32.7 seconds; 2. Shawn Monroe, OCSI, 18:39.5; 3. Kai Cordrey, Zama, 18:48.8; 4. Riki Khopara, St. Maur, 19:13.4; 5. Vince Ermitano, MCR, 19:23.8; 6. Carson Russell, Zama, 19:27.6; 7. Charles Dykes, OCSI, 19:38.6; 8. Justin Hill, MCR, 19:43.1; 9. Deante Espino, Zama, 19:43.7; 10. Cooper Atemeyer, Humphreys, 19:44.6.

Girls
Division I
Seisen 27, ASIJ 31, Kubasaki 44, Kadena 58, Kinrick 73, Seoul American 93, Yokota 119.
1. Britanni Shappell, Seisen, 19 minutes, 51.7 seconds; 2. Lisa Watanuki, ASIJ, 20:40.6; 3. Tatiana Rjordann, ASIJ, 20:59.8; 4. Zoe Jarvis, Kubasaki, 21:09.2; 5. Maku Itakura, Seisen, 21:26.1; 6. Emma Wingfield-Hayes, ASIJ, 21:34.5; 7. Cassandra Burger, Kinrick, 21:47.8; 8. Rachel Carson, Kubasaki, 21:54.3; 9. Wren Renquist, Kadena, 21:58.6; 10. Manna Obs, Seisen, 22:07.6.

Division II
St. Maur 21, King 23, Okinawa Christian 39, Zama 52, Perry 75, Osan 100, Edgren 119.
1. Lucille Nunnelly, St. Maur, 21 minutes, 30.1 seconds (repeats as champion); 2. Allison Hao, St. Maur, 22:08.2; 3. Amelia McGrath, EJK, 22:11.4; 4. Emily Souza, Zama, 22:13.4; 5. Tamara St. Maur, 22:34.4; 6. Kaila McInty, OCSI, 22:54.1; 7. Bobbi Hill, MCR 23:55.8; 8. Ayaka Nishimura, OCSI, 23:58.3; 9. Hannah Kidd, EJK, 24:16.8; 10. Cynthia Carney, OCSI, 24:28.9.

Cordrey of Zama took third in 18:48.8.

The team relay is scheduled for Tuesday.

Briefly

FIFA moves closer to winter World Cup in Qatar

The Associated Press

GENEVA — FIFA is targeting two options for holding the 2022 World Cup in the winter in Qatar, and organizers think that is "ideal" for the Middle East.

After a meeting Monday about five proposals on when to play the tournament, FIFA secretary general Jerome Valcke quickly moved to slim down the field.

"We are getting closer to narrowing the dates for the FIFA World Cup to two options — January-February 2022 or November-December 2022," Valcke said in a FIFA statement.

Qatar's organizing committee leader Hassan Al Thawadi, said for the first time that hosting the tournament in the searing heat of June and July, as originally scheduled, might not be the best solution.

"(Al Thawadi) outlined that, for the Middle East, the ideal situation and circumstances for an all-inclusive World Cup would be

for it to be held in the winter," according to the FIFA statement.

Still, FIFA noted that Qatar "remained fully committed to delivering what was promised in its bid" — including stadium cooling technology to combat 40 degree C (104 degree F) temperatures during the traditional World Cup calendar dates.

The January-February option is favored by FIFA's confederations. At that time, many European countries are in mid-season breaks or in their offseason. Asia and Africa are used to playing their continental championships at a time of a year.

A January 2022 kickoff remains in play although it seems designed to fail. FIFA President Sepp Blatter, who is an IOC member, has assured IOC President Thomas Bach that the World Cup will not clash with the 2022 Winter Olympics.

The 214-member European Club Association has suggested

the Olympics move its dates, and also proposed a World Cup from April 28-May 29.

That option has long been rejected by Valcke, who reiterated that the start of month-long Ramadan fasting on April 2, 2022, must also be considered.

The players' union, FIFPro, also opposes the clubs' spring plan because of the heat.

In other soccer news: ■ Bradley Wright-Phillips and Peggy Luyindula scored, and the host New York Red Bulls beat D.C. United 2-0 in the first leg of the Eastern Conference semifinals.

■ Osvaldo Alonso scored in the 54th minute, and visiting Seattle tied FC Dallas 1-1 in the first leg of the Western Conference semifinals.

Oilers' Andrew Ference suspended 3 games

NEW YORK — Edmonton Oilers defenseman Andrew Ference

has been suspended three games for his check to the head of Vancouver forward Zack Kassian.

The NHL said Monday he will be eligible to return for Sunday's road game against the Rangers.

Ference drew a minor penalty for his second-period hit on Kassian during Saturday's 3-2 loss to the Canucks. The 35-year-old defenseman drove his shoulder into Kassian's head after the Vancouver forward made a pass in the Oilers' zone.

T-wolves' Martin fined \$15K for crude gesture

The NBA has fined Minnesota Timberwolves guard Kevin Martin \$15,000 for what the league called an "obscene gesture" during the fourth quarter against the Chicago Bulls.

The gesture came after Martin hit a three-pointer with just over 90 seconds to play in the game Saturday night. As he headed

back to the other end of the court, Martin cupped his hands and held them just below his waist.

In other sports news: ■ Tom Pernice Jr. won the Champions Tour's season-ending Charles Schwab Cup Championship on Sunday, beating Jay Haas with a birdie on the fourth hole of a playoff at Scottsdale, Ariz.

The 55-year-old Pernice got up-and-down from the left bunker on the par-5 18th, holing a 6-foot putt after Haas made a 12-footer for par.

■ Two-time defending champion Novak Djokovic has been handed a favorable draw at the ATP Finals, while Roger Federer and Andy Murray will meet in the round-robin phase.

The top-seeded Djokovic was placed in the same group with Australian Open champion Stan Wawrinka, U.S. Open winner Martin Cilic and Tomas Berdych for the season-ending eight-man tournament, which starts Sunday.

NHL



DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP

Ducks right wing Devante Smith-Pelly, second from right, congratulates emergency goalie Jason LaBarbera after Anaheim's 3-2 victory over the Colorado Avalanche on Sunday.

Roundup

Emergency goalie Ducks

The Associated Press

DENVER — One moment, Jason LaBarbera was heading to a Halloween party with his minor-league teammates. Two hours of sleep and two long flights later, he was in Denver to serve as a backup for the Anaheim Ducks.

And then, just before the opening faceoff, he was told he would be starting in net — his first NHL game since last December.

The emergency goalie came to the rescue, too, stopping 16 shots as the Ducks beat the Colorado Avalanche 3-2 on Sunday night.

This wasn't exactly what LaBarbera was envisioning even 12 hours earlier.

"All of it is kind of goofy," LaBarbera said. "I've been around a lot, but I've never had to deal with something like this."

LaBarbera made an unexpected start after he arrived earlier Sunday from Norfolk of the AHL. He was supposed to be the backup in place of Frederik Andersen, who was scratched due to leg tightness.

He got the start when John Gibson sustained a lower-body injury in warmups. Things got so crazy that goaltending consultant Dwayne Roloson even dressed, and was the backup in case something happened to LaBarbera.

No need to worry, though. LaBarbera was on his game, even if he allowed a fluky goal early. That was just nerves.

LaBarbera showed no signs of fatigue, even if he was playing for a third straight night. He made 36 saves and earned two wins for Norfolk over the weekend. He carried that momentum to Sunday and earned his first NHL victory since Oct. 7, 2013, when he was with Edmonton.

"I'm still in la-la land," LaBarbera said.

Defenseman Hampus Lindholm and Cam Fowler scored their first goals of the season 1:44 apart in the second period to give the Ducks a lead that LaBarbera protected. Corey Perry also scored for the Ducks, who went 3-1 on a four-game trip.

Dennis Everberg scored his first NHL goal, and Nathan MacKinnon added another for weary Colorado, which also lost at St. Louis in a shootout on Saturday.

As for what was next with LaBarbera, well, he wasn't quite sure. Is he heading back to Anaheim with the team?

"I'm assuming so. But I don't know," he said.

Ducks coach Bruce Boudreau eased his mind.

"Until we get both goalies healthy, he's with us," Boudreau said.

Coyotes 6, Capitals 5: Shane Doan scored twice as Arizona salvaged something from its road trip, ending a three-game losing streak with a come-from-behind win over mistake-prone Washington.

The Coyotes trailed 3-1 after the first period, but power-play goals by Michael Stone and Doan tied it in the second before Sam Gagner and Doan capitalized on sloppy turnovers early in the third. Doan's second goal came after Washington's Alex Ovechkin — who earlier broke a six-game goal drought — completely whiffed trying to control the puck near the side boards in the Capitals' end.

Hurricanes 3, Kings 2: Elias Lindholm's second-period goal proved to be the difference in

host Carolina's victory.

The Hurricanes (2-6-2) won for the second straight day. The Kings are 0-3-2 on the road and 6-1 at home in the early stages of their Stanley Cup title defense.

Sabres 3, Red Wings 2 (SO): Tyler Ennis and Zemgus Girgensons scored shootout goals as host Buffalo edged Detroit.

Michael Neuvirth made 36 saves and stopped Henrik Zetterberg in the third round of the shootout to help the Sabres (3-9-1) win at home for the first time this season.

Flames 6, Canadiens 2: Josh Jooris scored two goals to lead Calgary to a rout of Montreal.

Markus Granlund, Curtis Glenross, Lance Bouma, and Mark Giordano also scored for Calgary (7-2-4), and Jonas Hiller stopped 18 shots in the opener of the Flames' five-game trip.

Jets 1, Blackhawks 0: Michael Hutchinson stopped 33 shots for his first career shutout as Michael Frolik scored 20 seconds in on the first shift of the game to lead Winnipeg over host Chicago.

Hutchinson was solid in just his second start, first complete game and third appearance this season.

Predators 3, Canucks 1: Filip Forsberg scored twice and added an assist as visiting Nashville held on to top Vancouver.

Colin Wilson also scored, and Pekka Rinne made 26 saves for the Predators (7-2-2), who won for the second time in three games of their six-game road trip.

Defenseman Alex Edler scored the only goal for the Canucks (8-4), who had a four-game winning streak snapped before they head out on a trip through California and Colorado.

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	12	8	3	1	17	42	32
Montreal	12	8	3	1	17	31	35
Detroit	11	6	2	3	15	29	24
Boston	13	7	6	0	14	36	32
Toronto	11	6	4	1	13	32	28
Ottawa	10	5	3	2	12	28	26
Florida	9	4	2	3	11	14	18

Buffalo	13	3	9	1	7	16	43
Metropolitan Division							
Pittsburgh	10	7	2	1	15	41	22
New Jersey	11	6	3	2	14	33	36
N.Y. Islanders	11	6	5	0	12	36	39
N.Y. Rangers	10	5	4	1	11	27	31
Philadelphia	11	4	5	2	10	33	38
Washington	11	4	5	2	10	35	33
Columbus	11	4	7	0	8	28	37
Carolina	10	2	6	2	6	21	35

Western Conference

	Central Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	11	7	2	2	16	29	22
Minnesota	10	7	3	0	14	35	18
St. Louis	10	6	3	1	13	25	20
Winnipeg	12	6	5	1	13	22	26
Chicago	12	6	5	1	13	29	23
Dallas	11	4	3	4	12	34	39
Colorado	13	3	5	5	11	31	38

Pacific Division						
Anaheim	13	10	3	0	20	36 24
Vancouver	12	8	4	0	16	38 34
Calgary	13	7	4	2	16	37 29
San Jose	13	7	4	2	16	41 35
Los Angeles	12	6	4	2	14	28 26
Edmonton	11	4	6	1	9	29 39
Arizona	11	4	6	1	9	28 42

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(Forsberg, Ekholm), 18:27
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Goals—Nashville, Rinne 7-1 (27 shots-16 saves), Vancouver, Lack 0-3-0 (33-30)
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A—10,51

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Toronto	2	1	.667	—
Boston	1	2	.500	½
Brooklyn	1	1	.500	½
Philadelphia	0	2	.000	2

Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	3	0	1.000	—
Washington	1	1	.667	—
Atlanta	2	1	.500	½
Charlotte	1	2	.333	1
Orlando	0	3	.000	3

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	2	1	.667	—
Cleveland	1	1	.500	½
Indiana	1	1	.500	½
Minnesota	2	2	.333	1
Detroit	1	2	.333	1

Western Conference

Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	3	0	1.000	—
Memphis	3	1	.750	—
Dallas	2	1	.667	—
San Antonio	1	2	.333	½
New Orleans	1	2	.333	½

Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	1	1	.500	—
Portland	1	1	.500	—
Oklahoma City	1	1	.500	—
Utah	1	1	.500	—
Minnesota	1	1	.500	—

Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	2	1	.667	—
Sacramento	2	1	.667	—
Los Angeles	2	1	.667	—
L.A. Clippers	2	1	.667	—
L.A. Lakers	1	2	.333	½

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Miami 114, Philadelphia 96				
Washington 108, Milwaukee 97				
Toronto 105, Orlando 95				
Memphis 71, Charlotte 69				
Atlanta 102, Indiana 91				
Brooklyn 102, Detroit 90				
Oklahoma City 102, Denver 91				
Utah 104, Boston 90				
Chicago 106, Minnesota 105				
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Golden State 127, L.A. Lakers 104				

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Miami—Deng 9-14 2-18, S. Williams 5-10 1-4, Bosh 5-13 10-13 21, Cole 2-5 0-0 5, Wade 7-11 4-19, Hamilton 1-0 0-2, Chalmers 3-10 5-12, Ennis 1-1 0-0 3, Napier 2-3 3-8, McRoberts 1-2 0-2, Brown 0-1 2-1. Totals 35-70 28-30 107.

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RYAN KANG/AP

Oregon quarterback Marcus Mariota points to the crowd after scoring a touchdown against Stanford on Saturday in Eugene, Ore. The Ducks could into the top four after Mississippi's loss to Auburn.

Showdown Saturday may bring clarity to playoffs

BY RALPH D. RUSSO

The Associated Press

Breaking down the ballots for the AP Top 25 and wrapping up college football's 10th weekend.

Showdown Saturday: This will not be a Saturday for getting ahead on Christmas shopping or raking leaves in the yard.

In the AP Top 25 released Sunday, teams four through 10 have games against another ranked team this weekend. Six games to shake up the playoff race and either provide clarity or cause confusion. Probably a little of both.

Mississippi State and Florida State still hold the top two spots in the AP rankings after both needed second-half comebacks to remain unbeaten. The top-ranked Bulldogs received 45 first-place votes from the media panel, and Florida State has 15.

Auburn moved up a spot to No. 3 after its 35-31 victory at Mississippi. The Rebels dropped to No. 12 after their second straight heartbreaking loss, giving the Ducks have a chance to move into the top four.

Don't assume two losses means elimination. For some teams, yes, but plenty still could be in play with a second loss. Especially those SEC West teams and whichever team wins the Pac-12. The best conferences provide enough spots for standout victories to overcome an extra loss, depending how things break around the country.

The AP Top 25

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 1, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Mississippi St. (45)	8-0	1,484	1
2. Florida St. (15)	8-0	1,452	2
3. Auburn	7-1	1,345	4
4. Alabama	7-1	1,281	3
5. Oregon	8-1	1,275	5
6. TCU	7-1	1,148	10
7. Michigan St.	7-1	1,120	8
8. Notre Dame	7-1	1,096	6
9. Kansas St.	7-1	1,049	11
10. Baylor	7-1	961	12
11. Arizona St.	7-1	831	15
12. Mississippi	7-2	828	7
13. Ohio St.	7-1	780	13
14. LSU	7-2	717	16
15. Nebraska	8-1	680	17
16. Oklahoma	6-2	574	19
17. Georgia	6-2	465	9
18. UCLA	7-2	464	25
19. Clemson	6-2	341	22
20. Utah	6-2	327	18
21. Arizona	6-2	325	14
22. Duke	7-1	288	24
23. Marshall	8-0	238	20
24. West Virginia	6-3	159	23
25. Wisconsin	6-2	83	NR

Others receiving votes: Colorado St. 67, Southern Cal. 45, Missouri 42, Georgia 39, Louisville 7, N. Dakota St. 4, Stanford 4, Florida 1, Texas A&M 1.

Moving down: Georgia's surprising 38-20 loss to Florida cost the Bulldogs eight spots in the rankings, falling to No. 17.

Arizona also took its second loss, 17-7 at UCLA, which dropped the Wildcats seven spots to No. 21.

A good argument can be made that Georgia should have fallen further and Arizona should be ahead of the Bulldogs. Georgia's other loss is against a South Carolina team that has one of the worst



BRYNN ANDERSON/AP

Auburn wide receiver Marcus Davis scores a touchdown during Saturday's 35-31 win over Mississippi in Oxford, Miss. Auburn moved up a spot in the national rankings to No. 3 with the win, while the Rebels dropped from No. 7 to No. 12 after their second straight loss.

defenses in the country.

Meanwhile, Arizona's only other loss was a close one against Southern California, and it won at Oregon.

In and out: East Carolina's loss to Temple dropped the Pirates from the rankings, leaving unbeaten Marshall of Conference USA as the only team from outside the Big Five conferences in the Top 25.

Wisconsin moved back into the rankings at No. 25.

Cardinals handle Weeden, Cowboys

BY SCHUYLER DIXON

The Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Carson Palmer gave the Dallas Cowboys just the gift they needed early in a game without Tony Romo — throwing an interception that was returned for a touchdown.

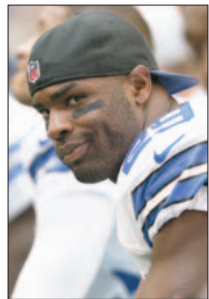
It wouldn't be enough to help the Cowboys avoid a second straight loss, however, as Palmer didn't make any other big mistakes, and Romo backup Brandon Weeden had a hard time avoiding the miscues that landed him in Dallas in the first place.

Palmer stayed perfect as Arizona's starter this season, throwing three touchdown passes, while Weeden couldn't get the Cowboys into the end zone until the game was out of reach in the Cardinals' 28-17 victory Sunday.

The Cardinals (7-1) rallied from a 10-0 deficit for their fourth straight win, including back-to-back victories over the top two teams in the NFC East. This is the latest they've had sole possession of the best record in the NFC since 1974.

"We are a scrappy group," said Palmer, 5-0 this season after missing two games because of a shoulder injury. "We have a great fight and mindset about us. Nothing is too big to overcome."

Romo was out with his third back injury in 18 months, and Weeden threw two interceptions and had several other miscues as the Cowboys (6-3) struggled to



BRANDON WAKE/AP

Cowboys running back DeMarco Murray's record streak of eight straight 100-yard rushing games came to an end Sunday in Arlington, Texas, as the Arizona Cardinals held Dallas' workhorse to just 79 yards on 19 carries.

move the ball. He finished 18 of 33 for 183 yards with a meaningless late touchdown to Dez Bryant.

"I was inconsistent," said Weeden, who was dumped by Cleveland just two years after getting drafted in the first round in 2012 and now has 25 touchdown passes and 28 interceptions in his career. "One thing I keep coming back to is the turnovers. Those are on me."

Business: Bolts slumping

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Manning thought it was an awful performance by the Broncos (6-2), starting with their quarterback.

"The quarterback stinks, usually you're not going to win many games," Manning said.

Manning fell to 2-7 at Gillette Stadium and 5-11 overall against Brady, even though he threw for 438 yards and two touchdowns. He has at least two TD passes in 14 consecutive games, an NFL record.

Julian Edelman returned a punt 84 yards for a score and also had a 5-yard TD catch as New England took a 27-3 halftime lead and coasted.

"I just saw a bunch of guys out there blocking their tails off and, you know, we got in the end zone, so it was a great team play," Edelman said.

In case you missed it, here are the other top topics after the NFL season's ninth Sunday:

What's up with the Chargers? Philip Rivers threw three interceptions, failed to throw a TD pass for the first time in 29 games and was shut out for the first time in his NFL career, as San Diego lost at Miami 37-0. The Chargers lost their third in a row to drop to 5-4.

Bus ride: Less than four hours before kickoff, a pair of buses carrying the Redskins — players, coaches, other team employees — to their game at the Vikings collided. After Washington's 29-26 loss, coach Jay Gruden described what happened to the buses as "five feet from driving off a cliff." A backup running back, Silas Redd Jr., was held out of the game because of back spasms, but others were unhurt.

QB's hurtin': Add Philadelphia's Nick Foles to the ever-growing list of starting quarterbacks who have gotten hurt in games this season. The NFC East-leading Eagles turned to backup Mark Sanchez — remember him? — during a 31-21 victory at Houston after Foles was leveled during a sack at the end of the first quarter. Foles wound up wearing a sling. A half-dozen starting QBs missed time because of injuries this season, including Dallas' Tony Romo on Sunday.

Big Ben: Pittsburgh's Ben Roethlisberger is the first player in NFL history to toss 12 touchdown passes over two games; he had six in a 43-23 win over Baltimore, a week after having six against Indianapolis. Oh, and there's this: Roethlisberger threw zero interceptions in those two games.

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HOUSTON — Mark Sanchez replaced the injured Nick Foles and threw for 202 yards and two touchdowns to lead Philadelphia over Houston.

Foles injured his left shoulder late in the first quarter, forcing Sanchez into his first action since 2012 with the Jets. He threw two interceptions in three quarters, but made throws when he had to.

The Eagles (6-2) led by 3 when Jeremy Maclin grabbed a low throw from Sanchez for an 8-yard touchdown to make it 31-21 with about four minutes remaining.

Maclin finished with two touchdowns and 158 yards receiving and LeSean McCoy had 117 yards rushing.

Ryan Fitzpatrick threw for 203 yards with two touchdowns and an interception for Houston (4-5).



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SEATTLE — Marshawn Lynch rushed for two first-half touchdowns, and Bruce Irvin tipped and intercepted Derek Carr's pass and returned it 35 yards for another score.

After a tumultuous previous month, the Seahawks (5-3) won their second straight behind a strong first half, three field goals from Steven Hauschka and a defense that made Carr look like a rookie much of the afternoon.

Not all was perfect for Seattle. Russell Wilson struggled through one of his worst passing games and the Seahawks failed to capitalize on numerous chances to rout the winless Raiders.

Seattle led 24-3 at halftime only to see the Raiders score on a blocked punt for a touchdown and two Michael Rivera TD catches to pull within six in the final minutes.

Lynch finished with 67 yards rushing and another 76 receiving as the Seahawks handed Oakland (0-8) its 14th straight loss.



CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP

Chiefs quarterback Alex Smith, right, throws under pressure from Jets nose tackle Damon Harrison in the second half Sunday in Kansas City, Mo. The Chiefs won 24-10.



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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Alex Smith threw for 199 yards and two touchdowns, and Jamaal Charles ran for another score as Kansas City sent New York to its eighth straight loss.

Fight ends Travis Kelce and Anthony Fasano each caught TD passes, and the Chiefs (5-3) won their third straight and fifth in six games on the same day former running back Priest Holmes was inducted into their ring of honor.

Making his first start with the Jets (1-8), Michael Vick was 21 of 27 for 196 yards and a touchdown. He briefly left in the fourth quarter after taking a massive hit from the Chiefs' Josh Mauga and walking unsteadily off the field, but returned later in the quarter.

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. — Ryan Tannehill threw for 288 yards and three scores as Miami forced four turnovers to rout San Diego.

Tannehill went 24-for-34 and threw touchdown passes to Charles Clay, Rishard Matthews and Jarvis Landry. San Diego's Philip Rivers threw three interceptions, two to Brent Grimes, and was sacked three times.

The Dolphins (5-3) earned their third consecutive victory. The Chargers (5-4) lost their third game in a row and remain winless in South Florida since January 1982.

San Diego was shut out for the first time since 1999.

MINNEAPOLIS — Teddy Bridgewater outplayed Robert Griffin III down the stretch after a rough start and Matt Asiata ran for three scores as the Vikings spoiled Griffin's return.

Bridgewater completed 26 of 42 passes for 268 yards for the Vikings (4-5), who sacked Griffin five times.

Griffin went 18-for-28 for 251 yards, one touchdown and one interception for the Redskins (3-6), who lost three leads despite 92 yards and two touchdowns rushing by Alfred Morris and 120 yards receiving from DeSean Jackson.

It was a rough day for the Redskins, starting with a crash between their two buses on the way to the stadium.



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CLEVELAND — Brian Hoyer threw a 34-yard TD pass to Taylor Gabriel with 8:59 remaining, helping Cleveland complete a favorable stretch of its schedule with a win over Tampa Bay.

Cleveland was trailing 17-16 when Hoyer completed his second TD pass. Hoyer finished 21 of 34 for 300 yards, two TDs and two interceptions. He improved to 8-3 as Cleveland's starter.

The Browns (5-3) have their best record at the midway point since 2007 when they won 10 and barely missed the playoffs. Cleveland went 2-1 the past three weeks against Jacksonville, Oakland and Tampa Bay.

Tampa Bay's Mike Glennon threw a pair of 24-yard TDs to rookie Mike Evans for the Buccaneers (1-7), who have lost four in a row and five this season by six points or less.



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CINCINNATI — Jeremy Hill ran for a career-high 154 yards and a pair of touchdowns, including a 60-yarder in the fourth quarter that helped Cincinnati hold on.

Andy Dalton threw a pair of touchdown passes, one of them to A.J. Green in the Pro Bowl receiver's return from a toe injury, but also had a pair of interceptions that kept it close.

The Jaguars (1-8) turned Dalton's second interception into Denard Robinson's 5-yard touchdown run, cutting it to 26-23. Hill broke his 60-yard touchdown run on Cincinnati's next play from scrimmage.

Rookie Blake Bortles, who leads the NFL in interceptions, helped the Bengals (5-2-1) seal it by throwing an interception to George Iloka in the end zone with 3:55 left.

Bortles was 22-for-33 for 247 yards with a pair of touchdown passes to Allen Hurns.

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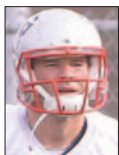
Patriots take AFC top spot with victory

The Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — The chant began midway through the fourth quarter with the latest matchup between the all-time great quarterbacks long ago decided: “Brady’s Better.”

On this day, Tom Brady and his New England Patriots certainly were the superior team, routing Peyton Manning and the Denver Broncos 43-21 on.

Brady outdueled Manning in the 16th installment of their rivalry and is 11-5 against Manning. He threw for four touchdowns and Julian Edelman



Edelman

returned a punt 84 yards for a score.

The Patriots (7-2) took over the top spot in the AFC from the Broncos (6-2). Denver still leads the AFC West over Kansas City (5-3) and San Diego (5-4).

“It was a big game because it always goes down to the playoff picture,” Denver cornerback Chris Harris Jr. said. “We are going to be disappointed about the way we played today, but we’re still good in the rankings.”

The game wasn’t particularly competitive after the first quarter, which Denver completed in front 7-3.

New England (7-2) scored the next 24 points in the way to winning its fifth straight, halting the four-game winning streak for Denver (6-2) in emphatic fashion. Brady has 18 TD passes and one interception in those five victories.

Brady connected with Edelman and Shane Vereen on 5-yard scoring passes in the second quarter, with Brandon LaFell from 10 yards and with Rob Gronkowski from the 1 in the second half.

Most of Manning’s yardage came well after the Patriots’ win had been secured. When it was closer, Denver’s high-powered offense had little juice.

Even with the two great QBs in the house, Edelman was a star.

Edelman’s first touchdown was set up by Rob Ninkovich’s interception and 11-yard return to the Denver 34.

That TD gave the Patriots a 13-7 lead and Edelman upped it with his sensational, weaving punt return. Catching the ball at his 16, he got a massive block from Tim Wright along the right sideline, then cut back diagonally across the field into the left corner of the end zone.

Edelman tied a team record with his fourth career punt return score. He later had a drop in the end zone that hardly mattered because Vereen got wide open for a 5-yard pass from Brady with 8 seconds remaining in the second quarter to make it 27-7.

Just as Brady outplayed Manning, Gronkowski beat Denver’s Julius Thomas in a matchup of two of the NFL’s best tight ends. Gronkowski had nine catches for 105 yards and a touchdown, while Thomas finished with two receptions for 33 yards, with an 18-yard score.

Gronkowski made a spectacular one-handed grab early in the fourth quarter and was tackled at the 1.

“Incredible,” Brady said. “That was one of the best catches I’ve ever seen.”

Thomas’ touchdown cut lead to 27-14 early in the third quarter before the Patriots scored 10 points in a 17-second span on Stephen Gostkowski’s 45-yard field goal and Brady’s 10-yard scoring pass to



GENE PUSKAS/AP

Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger threw for six touchdowns in a 43-23 win against the Baltimore Ravens on Sunday in Pittsburgh. Roethlisberger’s 12 scores over the last two weeks set a new NFL record for touchdowns passes in consecutive games.

Steelers romp past rival Ravens

QB Roethlisberger throws six touchdowns to set new NFL record

By WILL GRAVES
The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — A lot of scenarios ran through Terrell Suggs’ head when the Baltimore linebacker prepared to face the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Having Ben Roethlisberger throw six touchdowns passes was not among them. The Pittsburgh quarterback put up half-a-dozen scores the week before against Indianapolis. No way he was going to do it again, right? That never happens.

Never, at least, until now.

Roethlisberger set an NFL record for touchdowns passes in consecutive games, handing six more on the Ravens in a testy but surprisingly easy 43-23 win on Sunday.

Roethlisberger broke the record for

touchdown passes in consecutive games of 11 set by Tom Flores for Oakland in the AFL in 1963 and matched by New England’s Tom Brady in 2007.

“You could have never sold me that during the week, even though he did it last week,” Suggs said. “But he had a hell of a game, and that’s a reflection on us all.”

Baltimore (5-4) didn’t really come close. Bolstered by a pregame pep talk from Hall of Fame defensive lineman Joe Greene, whose No. 75 was retired at halftime, and a throwback performance from 36-year-old linebacker James Harrison, the Steelers (6-3) ended a pivotal three-game homestand with hope for a suddenly promising season.

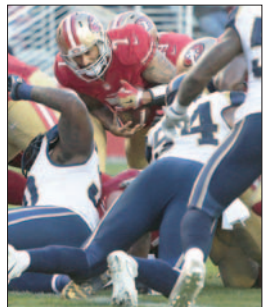
Antonio Brown caught 10 passes for 138 yards and a score. Rookie Martavis Bryant hauled in two scoring receptions and

has five touchdowns in three games after spending the first six weeks of the season on the inactive list.

“Everybody has to wait for their opportunity,” Bryant said. “It’s just when the opportunity presents itself whether you take advantage of it or not.”

Joe Flacco passed for 303 yards with two touchdowns and an interception, but was sacked four times as the Ravens were undone by a sloppy second quarter. A fumble by Lorenzo Taliaferro and an ill-advised throw by Flacco helped start a 22-point Pittsburgh run to end the first half.

“We set them up with two scoring situations,” Baltimore coach John Harbaugh said. “When you put guys in that part of the field, they are going to have a chance to make some big plays.”



MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/AP

San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick (7) runs before losing a fumble against the St. Louis Rams.

Kaepernick’s goal-line fumble gives Rams win

By JANIE MCCAULEY
The Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — St. Louis quarterback Austin Davis had begun mentally preparing for the 2-minute offense if San Francisco took the lead or tied it on a field goal.

Wide receiver Kenny Britt opted to say a little prayer that the defense would come through.

The Rams (3-5) did just that, changing their goal-line look for the very possibility Colin Kaepernick might try to take it in himself with the game on the line.

St. Louis stuffed him yet again, Kaepernick coughed up the ball and James Laurinaitis recovered to seal the Rams’ wild

13-10 victory over the 49ers on Sunday.

“They deserve it,” Davis said about the defense. “They won us the ballgame today.”

Defensive end Jo-Lonn Dunbar read Kaepernick perfectly.

“Jo-Lonn did a great job recognizing sneak,” Laurinaitis said. “You can just kind of tell by a quarterback’s mannerisms when they’re going to sneak.”

The play was upheld on review, though Kaepernick clearly thought he was in the end zone with a winning touchdown for the Niners (4-4).

“I know I crossed the line. I was looking into the end zone,” Kaepernick said. “The ball came out. I have to hold on to it.”

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MATTHEW BISHOP/AP

Brad Keselowski, right, is punched during a fight after the Sprint Cup Series race Sunday at Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth, Texas. The crews of Jeff Gordon and Keselowski fought after the race. Keselowski bumped Gordon, who was leading at the time, causing him to spin out and finish 29th after losing a lap in the pits. Gordon is the second driver in four races to confront Keselowski after a race.

Brawl overshadows Johnson's win

Irate Gordon confronts Keselowski after late bump

BY STEPHEN HAWKINS
The Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — Brad Keselowski's face was puffy, and he took a couple quick drinks of water to wash the blood from his mouth. So close to a big playoff win, Jeff Gordon was left with a cut on his lip.

The Chase for the Sprint Cup championship took another intense turn Sunday night when past champions Gordon and Keselowski were a part of a brawl after Jimmie Johnson won his third consecutive Texas fall race.

Johnson emerged from a frantic finish, the second attempt at an overtime two-lap sprint to the finish after his teammate Gordon spun out from the front following contact with Keselowski.

While Johnson celebrated his fourth victory at Texas and 70th Sprint Cup win overall, fireworks exploded in the sky — and on pit road.

An irate Gordon stopped his car right by Keselowski and confronted him. There were plenty of punches thrown, with NASCAR officials in the middle of crew members and others around Keselowski's No. 2 car.

"I couldn't even tell you what happened," said Keselowski, who confirmed he was hit by someone. "Just a melee of people."

It seemed the only contact among drivers was when Kevin Harvick shoved Keselowski in the back to push him into the fracas, and Gordon briefly appeared to

grab hold of Keselowski's firesuit.

All the punches thrown appeared to come from crew members — including a member of Gordon teammate Kasey Kahne's team who appeared to land several shots on Keselowski from behind. Gordon was leading on a restart on lap 335, one more than the race's scheduled length, when he took the outside lane. When Gordon drifted up a bit, Keselowski pushed through the gap, and made contact that left Gordon's car with a cut tire.

"We were just racing for the win. I didn't wreck him, and just raced him hard. He left a hole. Everything you watch in racing, you leave a hole, you're supposed to go for it," Keselowski said. "I don't want to ruin anyone's day. I wanted to win the race and that was the opportunity."

Gordon said he was on older tires when "out of nowhere I got slammed by the 2." He then used an expletive in referring to Keselowski, who finished third.

"The way he races, I don't know how he ever won a championship. This is why everyone is fighting with him," Gordon said. "There wasn't any conversation. You can't have a conversation with him. There's big consequences. To me, it's just a bunch of crap. The kid is just doing stuff way over his head."

Gordon spun out, lost a lap in the pits and finished 29th. He also became the second competitor in four races to confront Keselowski after the checkered flag.

NASCAR will review the post-race brawl and penalties could be issued during the week. Keselowski was fined \$50,000 for his behavior at Charlotte, but Matt Kenseth escaped penalty because he did not throw any punches when he jumped Keselowski from behind.

Robin Pemberton, NASCAR senior vice president of competition and racing development, indicated he had no problem with the hard racing in Texas. He might have a different take on what happened after the race.

"You shouldn't punch somebody," Pemberton said. "Everybody gets together, and when you're holding on to each other and grabbing and this, that and the other, it's one thing. When punches are landed, that's a different scenario."

Johnson won by a half-second over Chase contender Harvick, who then pushed Keselowski into the fray.

"If you're going to race like that, you're going to have to man up at some point," Harvick said afterward. "I didn't get in the middle of anything. I just turned him around and told him to go fight his own fight."

Johnson, the six-time Cup champion who was eliminated after the second round in the new Chase format, led 191 of the 341 laps.

The next highest-finishing Chase contenders behind Harvick and Keselowski were Carl Edwards in ninth and Denny Hamlin 10th.

Texas was the second consecu-

Formula One

Hamilton closes in on title

BY JIM VERTUNO
The Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Race by race and point by point, Lewis Hamilton is tightening his grip on the Formula One world championship and squeezing out Mercedes teammate Nico Rosberg.

But not so far as to eliminate his rival as a title threat. Not yet.

Hamilton won the U.S. Grand Prix on Sunday, moving 24 points clear of Rosberg with just two races left. It was Hamilton's second win in Texas in three years, his 10th on the season and fifth in a row.

"This whole season has been incredible," Hamilton said after playfully taking former world champion Mario Andretti's black Stetson cowboy hat on the winner's podium. "I pushed as hard as I could."

Mercedes had another 1-2 finish in a dominating season that has pushed Hamilton and Rosberg well clear of the pack in the title chase. Red Bull's Daniel Ricciardo was third for his eighth podium finish on the season.

Rosberg could still find a way to steal the title from Hamilton. Formula One moves to Brazil next weekend and the final race in Abu Dhabi will be worth double points in a rule change this season.

"Full attack," Rosberg said. "We'll try to be on the pole and win (in Brazil). There's a lot of points to be had."

Hamilton said aggressive driving got him this far and he won't try to dial it back over the final two races.

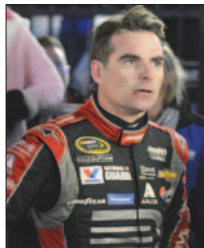
"We're hunting for those points. So far, I've done what I've needed to do. I should continue to do the same," Hamilton said.

Hamilton's victory also was career win No. 32, which passed Nigel Mansell for the most Formula One victories by a British driver. The Mercedes drivers have waged a season-long duel for the title, a tense back-and-forth that has strained their long friendship, and Sunday's race was more of the same.

Rosberg started from pole position and Hamilton chased him for 23 laps, steadily keeping up the pressure and slowing gaining on him. Hamilton finally made his move on lap 24, squeezing inside Rosberg's left on the tight 12th turn out of the long straightaway.

"There wasn't a place in the race where I didn't think I would catch him," Hamilton said. "It's such a great feeling to have a race like that."

Dropped into second, Rosberg couldn't keep up, and Hamilton put more time between their cars with every lap.



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Jeff Gordon's lip bleeds after a fight on pit road with Brad Keselowski and his crew.

tive Chase race won by a driver already eliminated from title contention. That means at least three drivers will advance on points to get into the final four in the season finale at Homestead in two weeks.

The third round of the Chase wraps up next Sunday in Phoenix, where Harvick won eight months ago in the second race of the season. Kenseth and Hamlin were the only of the eight Chase contenders to finish outside the top eight in that race.

Joey Logano finished 12th at Texas, but is listed first in points while having the same number as Hamlin and two more than Ryan Newman. Gordon is fourth, a point ahead of Kenseth and Carl Edwards, followed by Keselowski and Harvick — though there is only an 18-point gap between first and eighth place.

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SPORTS



Melo milestone

Knicks forward joins 20,000-point club in win over Hornets | **NBA roundup, Page 25**

New England quarterback Tom Brady improved to 11-5 in his career against Broncos' quarterback Peyton Manning with the Patriots' 43-21 win over Denver on Sunday in Foxborough, Mass.

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Business as usual

Brady spectacular in 16th showdown with Manning

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Brady-Manning XVI was over before halftime.

While Peyton Manning, by his own estimate, was stinking up the joint, Tom Brady was throwing for four touchdown passes, leading the New England Patriots to a 43-21 romp over the Denver Broncos on Sunday.

New England (7-2) won its fifth straight, halting the four-game winning streak for Denver (6-2) in emphatic fashion. Brady has 18 TD passes and one interception in those five victories.

"At the end of the day one person can't do it alone," said Brady, who made his 200th start; he has won 155 of those, an NFL record. "I've been a part of so many great teams ... I've been very privileged to play with great players and teammates that really work their butts off for each other. That's why you string together five wins in a row like we've done.

"It's a lot of guys working hard who believe in each other, have confidence in each other and then when you get your one day a week to go out there, you go out there and you let it rip. I thought the guys try to do a great job of that."

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